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### **Call to Prayer for Russia July 2016**

The European Evangelical Alliance is extremely concerned about Russia's new anti-terrorism law, passed on 6<sup>th</sup> July, which greatly restricts religious freedom. It is due to come into force on 20 July.

- Sharing one's faith will now be restricted to named members of registered organisations.
- Discussion about faith will only be able to take place in registered religious buildings.
- All sharing of faith will be forbidden in homes. Informal witnessing between individuals is not allowed.
- There are also restrictions on witnessing via social media.
- If the law is broken, the fines to be paid are high.

See Forum 18's news report [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2197](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2197) for more information.

We ask European Christians to stand with their Russian brothers and sisters in prayer.

- Let us pray for wisdom, hope and courage.
- Let us pray that this new law unites Christians in new ways and express this unity and love among each other.
- Let us pray that the Russian authorities will realise that this new law unnecessarily restricts people's freedom.
- Let us pray that this time of trial will be used by the Lord to strengthen and grow His Church.

***Jeremiah 32: 27 "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"***