



The Parish of Luton, St Anne with St Christopher



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WE PRAY FOR UKRAINE



A selection of prayers to use when praying for Ukraine

**May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times
and in every way.**

The Lord be with all of you.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children,
at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

A prayer from Taizé

Risen Christ, as we remain in silence before you, we let this ardent prayer rise up: may the firing of weapons in the land of Ukraine cease! Welcome into your love those who are dying from violence and war, console the families in mourning, support those who have had to take the road of exodus. Faced with incomprehensible suffering, we still believe that your words of love and peace will never pass. You gave your life on the cross and you opened a future for us, even beyond death. So we implore you: give us your peace. You are our hope'.

Brother Alois of Taizé.

A Prayer for Ukraine (Christian Aid)

The littlest, the least likely to have a say, those
whose lives are sanctioned and bargained over
Violence always finds them first.

And the 'oh-so important' political manoeuvres
mean nothing to them. They just want to live.

When the winners want to wipe them out of
the way, God please protect peace.

We will not turn away. We will stand together
God, give us the strength to protect peace.

Amen

A Prayer for Ukraine (Christian Aid)

Borders, barricades, bewilderment...

When the bargaining begins,

God please protect peace.

Sanctions, security measured in minutes and it's
scary....

When safety scatters,

God please protect peace.

War dresses up in peace-keeper's clothes,

Troops amass, the ground trembles and so do
people..

When the future feels fragile,

God please protect peace.

The Universal Prayer for Peace

This prayer is said each day at noon
by many people of all faiths and of none.

Loving God,
Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.
Amen.

A Prayer for Ukraine from CAFOD

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen

God in heaven,
you are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for their community and political leaders.
Through your Holy Spirit, guide them at this difficult time.
We pray for those institutions and leaders around the world
who have the influence to work for peace.
We pray also for all people and nations who hold a grievance.
Help them to see that talking is the best way forward.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/faith/prayer/prayers-for-ukraine/>

A prayer for the people who are fleeing Ukraine, and the for the countries offering them shelter.

Almighty God,
hear our cry for the people of Ukraine,
for those who are forced to flee their homeland because of the war
and for the countries who are offering them refuge
and a welcome with open arms
in their hour of need.
Pour your blessing upon the work of the Red Cross,
every other humanitarian organisation
and every effort made by governments, groups and individuals
to ensure that they have the necessary resources
to supply the needs of those who need help and support.
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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A prayer for those who have stayed in Ukraine

Almighty God,

hear our cry for the people of Ukraine

who are staying in their homeland,

for those who are taking shelter from the bombs and the bullets
in underground basements, carparks and underground stations.

May they never feel abandoned by you

for you are with all your children in every tribulation.

May they feel your loving presence calming their fears
and strengthening their resolve to face each hour

knowing that justice and truth is on their side,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/faith/prayer/prayers-for-ukraine/>

A prayer for those who fight for their homeland

Almighty God, hear our cry for the people of Ukraine,

for those who have responded to the call to protect their homeland,
and fight for their country,

for its sovereignty, its freedom and its democratic rights.

It is no easy task to take up arms.

Give them, in the midst of the heat of battle and all its complexities,
the courage and wisdom to know the difference between defence and
retaliation,

between taking a life and sparing a life, even the life of an enemy,

for friend and foe share the same humanity

reconciled on the cross through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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A prayer for those who protest and hold vigils

Almighty God,

hear our cry for people throughout the world
who raise their voices in protest and prayer,
calling on Russia to cease their violent military attack
on the people of Ukraine

We give you thanks for the bravery and courage of those in Russia
itself

who say publicly enough is enough,
in the face of being arrested and imprisoned.

Strengthen our resolve to continue to show our solidarity and moral
support to the people of Ukraine,

through protest, vigils and prayer for as long it takes,
to raise our voices and join in the worldwide deafening cry

for an end to the fighting and violence

so that no more people may fall victim to this war

and so that a peaceful way forward may be found for Ukraine and
Russia

through the one who came to preach peace to those who were near
and those who were far,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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A prayer for those suffering as a result of this war.

Almighty God,

hear our cry for those who suffer as a result of this conflict,
for those in this country who are concerned for loved ones living in
Ukraine,
for those who have fled their homeland and are longing to return,
for those who have lost homes, livelihoods and hope for the future,
for those who have been injured in body, mind or spirit by the conflict,
for those who mourn loved ones killed by the bombing and fighting.

Lord, we see too clearly the devastation and human cost of this war,
and we ask you to gently surround all who need you this day
with the knowledge of your unfailing love.

Soften the hearts and open the eyes

of all who seek the continuation of this violent military conflict,
so that they may see the damage, pain and cruelty that is being
inflicted

on their fellow humans,

and by seeing the pain, they may be led, through your Holy Spirit, to
repentance,

and through repentance to seek the ways that lead to peace,
reconciliation and restoration

to that part of the world,

through the one who calls all to live in peace and harmony

with one another,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Praying for Ukraine

This simple order provides a framework for a time of prayer for Ukraine, an order which is deliberately 'open', giving participants opportunities to adapt according to need. As the situation in Ukraine changes from hour to hour more specific petitions can be added as the situation develops.

Longing for the Kingdom of righteousness and compassion,
we pray to our gracious Father,
through Christ, the Prince of Peace
and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

For all who are trapped in the chaos of conflict ...
for all who have experienced horrors ...
for all who are fearful of what tomorrow will bring ...
Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who maintain the national infrastructure and emergency
services...
for all who shelter from the bombs, the missiles and the bullets ...
for all who carry arms to shield their communities ...
Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who flee the perils of violence ...
for families and loved ones who are separated ...
for the countries who open their hearts and communities to welcome
the dispossessed...

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the wounded and those who care for them ...
for those who bring urgent humanitarian aid ...
for those who are bereaved and those who offer comfort...

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who are weak and vulnerable ...
for all who have disabilities and special needs ...
for pregnant women, new-born infants and orphans ...

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who face danger in defending their nation ...
for those who seek to follow paths of diplomacy ...
for all brave prophets who speak up for justice in the face of
transgression...

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For journalists who open the eyes of the world to the oppression of war.

for all who influence hearts and minds ...

for all who strive to bring truth to light ...

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who lead: in Ukraine, Russia and in other nations ...

for all who seek their own selfish designs without considering the suffering inflicted on others ...

for all who work tirelessly to see light conquer every darkness...

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For governments and politicians the world over...

for reconcilers and peacemakers, ambassadors and diplomats ...

for the European Union and the United Nations ...

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who disdain the freedom and sovereignty of other nations ...

for those consumed by loathing from within ...

for those who nurture hatred and cruelty ...

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who look across frontiers and see not enemies but friends ...
for all who discern your divine image in their sisters and brothers ...
for all who long to beat every sword into a ploughshare
and every spear into a pruning hook ...

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

God, our refuge and strength,
our rock and defender,
you hear the weeping of your people
and look with compassion on the stricken.

In your miraculous power,
grant to oppressors true repentance
and to your peacemakers grace to reconcile, heal and restore.

Turn the hearts of all your people to ways of justice, goodness and
mercy

and grant our world a vision of your glorious kingdom
where you reign in the power of perfect love,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

To you be glory for ever.

Amen.

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/faith/prayer/prayers-for-ukraine/>

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, look down with Thy merciful eye upon the sorrow and greatly-painful cry of Thy children, abiding in the Ukrainian land.

Deliver Thy people from civil strife, make to cease the spilling of blood, and turn back the misfortunes set against them. Lead unto sanctuary those bereft of shelter, feed the hungry, comfort those who weep, and unite the divided.

Leave not Thine own flock, who abide in sorrows on account of their kinsmen, to diminish, but rather, as Thou art benevolent, give speedy reconciliation. Soften the hearts of the unmerciful and convert them to the knowledge of Thee. Grant peace to Thy Church and to Her children, that with one heart and one mouth we may glorify Thee, our Lord and Saviour, unto the ages of ages. Amen

<https://russianorthodoxchurchcardiff.com/prayer-for-peace>

A prayer for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God.” In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice. Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet, may they also have the strength and perseverance to defend their land from all adversity and foreign attacks. Help us all to live according to your Divine Will. O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine. Amen.

<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/a-prayer-for-ukraine/>

A prayer for Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy.

Amen

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/latest-news/all-news/a-prayer-for-ukraine/>

A prayer for Ukraine:

The news can be difficult to listen to and to read.

When that news relates to faces we know

And to voices familiar to us,

It becomes all the harder to hear.

Lord God,

We ask you to hold the people of Ukraine deep in your heart.

Protect them, we pray;

From violence,

From political gamesmanship,

from being used and abused.

Give, we pray, the nations of the world the courage

and the wisdom

to stand up for justice

and the courage too,

to dare to care - generously.

Lord in your mercy, Take from us all,

The tendencies in us

That seek to lord it over others:

Take from us those traits

that see us pursuing our own needs and wants

before those of others.

Teach us how to live in love

And dignity

And respect - following your example.

In your name and for your sake,

Amen

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Lord we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. Lord may your Kingdom come, and Your will be done.

Lord God, we ask for you to be with all – especially children who are suffering as the crisis in Ukraine deteriorates. Lord for those who are anxious and fearful. For those who are bereaved, injured or who have lost their lives. And for those who have lost loved ones. Lord hear our prayers.

Lord, we ask that decisions makers hear Your voice. Parents protecting their families – deciding whether to stay or leave. Church leaders as they support and comfort people. And Lord we ask for wise actions from global leaders - who have the power not only to start wars, but to stop them too.

And Father God we cry out for an end to this crisis. For mercy, peace, and truth – because You are light, hope, power, and love. Amen.

<https://www.worldvision.org.uk/about/blogs/a-prayer-for-ukraine/>