

LENT 2022 PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

(to be used each day)

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Heavenly Father, as we watch the news our hearts are heavy and saddened at what is happening to your people in Ukraine. As we pray for ourselves during this season of Lent, and as you draw us closer to you in faith, may we uphold in prayer those who are suffering at this time, and ask for your peace and presence to be with us and with them in these coming weeks and months.

We pray for the enemy, that your Sovereign hand will stop President Putin, and those close to him, from his greed for power, money and control, and from the many deaths of innocent people, and that you would turn their hearts to peace.

In your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

We pray Lord, that you would guide all of the world leaders, and especially President Volodymyr Zelensky as he leads his people, and help them to turn to you as they seek to find a resolution that only you can bring about. your wisdom and discernment as you show them the way forward May they seek out of these dark and evil days. Give them wisdom and judgement, a sense of what is just and what is right.

In your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

For protestors who have the courage to speak against their leaders for the sake of good, that they may be defended from all harm or imprisonment.

In your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

For the defenders of Ukraine, for their armed forces, for those prepared to lay down their life for their country, their comrades and their families; For the young, the old and the inexperienced, that you will give them courage and knowledge of your presence.

In your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

For those who are injured and those who are bereaved, for those who fear for their own life, and the lives of those they love.

In your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, help those who are feeling lost, lonely and frightened to know their brothers and sisters in Christ are praying for them. Be with those, who in this conflict, have lost everything, their homes, their possessions, and all they have worked for.

In your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

For the women and children who have left husbands, sons, brothers and fathers behind, in the fear that they might never see them again. We pray for the safety of women and children, that they may journey in safety.

In your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, for those without a home, may they find shelter from the cold and bombings, but also, we humbly ask you to shelter the minds of your children from the horrors of war. Give your people comfort and hope in this time of uncertainty, that they may find welcome and hospitality, so that their hopes and dreams are restored, that this will soon end and that they will be able to return to their homes.

In your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

For those whose contribution is to tend the sick, and heal the broken, that you will give them strength and keep them safe, also for those whose wounds go far deeper than we can know, that they may find healing and peace.

In your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

For the leaders of the nations, for those who impose sanctions, for the negotiators and peacekeepers and peace makers. Give them wisdom and a sense of justice.

In your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

For Russians who live in communities around the world, and who reside in our community, that they may be free from prejudice and hate crime, and that they may experience support from their neighbours. For Ukrainians who are separated from their families and friends abroad, and who are anxious for their safety.

In your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that by the power of your Spirit, there may be a just end to this war. We pray for the coming of your kingdom, and the establishment of a lasting peace in Europe, and around the world.

Merciful Father, accept these our prayers, for the sake of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen