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## **PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE**

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God, strengthen, encourage, embolden, comfort, protect, the people of Ukraine. Establish a just peace, O God, not any peace, but a just peace. [Brief silence]

God, Lover of justice, establish justice. Speak out of the pillar of cloud, let your voice shake the contorted and selfish foundations of human plans. Avenge wrongdoing. [Brief silence]

God, Mighty Ruler, shelter the civilian population that is now being bombed. Avenge wrongdoing. [Brief silence]

Preserve us from the whims and ambitions of the powerful of this world and lead them to recognize their limits that they may find ways towards peace and put an end to the loss of life and the senselessness of war. [Brief silence]

Establish justice, O God, in other war-torn countries: Myanmar / Syria / Ethiopia and the Tigray region / Yemen / Armenia / South Sudan. Free us from the hardships of war. [Brief silence]



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Open the hearts of those in the west, caught as we are in the web of our own self economic interests, making our governments often unable to boldly confront evil. Guide those with responsibility in our governments. [Brief silence]

Forgive our bias when we uphold a western narrative concerning refugees. Forgive us when some nationalities are profiled and blocked at the border as they flee Ukraine. All are victims and we are all one human family. Turn us around, O God, towards one another. [Brief silence]

Soften the hearts of those who have hardened them and let us return to the knowledge of your wisdom. Give us courage to respond to the cry of the church and people in Ukraine. [Brief silence]

Protect and embolden those in Ukraine resisting the invasion. Guide them. Guide and safeguard the government and President Zelensky. [Brief silence]

Support and protect them, O God, protect all those who have lost their homes that they find new places to stay, give the hungry food, comfort those who weep, unite those who are separated. [Brief silence]

Sustain and strengthen those already on the ground providing humanitarian aid, food, clothes, shelter, medications, and other essentials. [Brief silence]

Protect and encourage those within Russia who advocate for peace and justice at the risk of their own safety. Blessed are the peace-makers. [Brief silence]



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In the midst of conflict, we continue to suffer from the pandemic. Heal our world from the manifold impacts of COVID, physical, emotional, social, economic, and political...

Strengthen us with your irresistible strength so that we do your will and make your light of truth shine here on earth. Make us all instruments of your peace and your righteousness. Equip us with all that is necessary to serve our fellow human beings. [Brief silence]

Bless all with your peace so that we can work together, hand in hand, for a more free and just society, to your praise and glory. [Brief silence]

Amen.