

Prayers for the Peace of Ukraine

We meet in the name of Christ the Prince of Priest. Amen

Turn us O Lord from our sin
And renew a right spirit within us.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Convert the hearts of those who seek to do harm
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Hide not your face from us, O God, and give peace in our
time.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Let us pray

For the people of Ukraine. For the courageous and inspiring
leadership of President Zelensky, his government and fellow
leaders. For wisdom, knowledge and stealth. For the people
defending themselves and others from the mighty aggressor.
That God will bring the leaders and people under the
protection of his Mighty Arm.

Let us pray to the Lord.
[silence]
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the medical professionals, emergency services and First Aiders. For all who are seeking to bring relief to a nation at war. For the Ukrainian armed forces as they defend their people.

For people in their subterranean shelter. For the sick, the injured, the hurting and the fearful.

Let us pray to the Lord.

[silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For families separated by this war. For people fleeing and crossing borders. For the displaced, the homeless and the penniless as a result of this war. For the hospitality and generosity of near neighbours. For all charity workers. For the face of compassion and generosity to be turned towards Ukraine by the UK. For the work of our churches. For humanitarian aid that it will get to the people who need it.

Let us pray to the Lord.

[silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the work of the United Nations, European Community, NATO and Leaders of nations throughout the world. For the effectiveness of sanctions to humble the proud. For solidarity, support and commitment of all to the working for peace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

[silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the aggressors. For President Putin as he brings his nation to ruin that he will turn from his ways and humble himself before you our God. For the people of Russia that they will seek for truth. For the courageous protestors. For all who dare to speak out for truth. For those who hold power that they will use their power for peace and freedom. For a laying down of arms by the Russian militia and airmen.

Let us pray to the Lord.

[silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the little children. For the sleepless, the hungry, the terrified, the unknowing. For teachers, carers and parents and those trying to convey a spirit of normality and hope.

Let us pray to the Lord.

[silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God

From whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:

Kindle, we pray in the hearts of all, the true love of peace

And guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom

Those who take counsel for the nations of the earth

That in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,

Till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever. Amen.

Uniting our prayers with Ukrainian Christians and Christians Throughout the world, we pray as the Prince of Peace has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn:

1 Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
the blood of Jesus gives us peace within.

2 Peace, perfect peace, by troubled thoughts oppressed?
to do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

3 Peace, perfect peace, when loved ones are in need?
in Jesus' keeping we are safe indeed.

4 Peace, perfect peace, the future all unknown?
we know that Jesus reigns upon the throne.

5 Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?
Christ Jesus conquered death and all its powers.

6 Jesus is Lord! Earth's struggles soon shall cease,
and we shall come to heaven's perfect peace.

