



PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

A collection featuring prayers, intercessions and a hymn. These are offered for use in both personal and collective worship and prayer.



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Holy God,
We hold before you
all who live close to war and
conflict;
and all who live close
to the threat of war and
violence.

We remember especially at
this time,
people in Ukraine and Russia.
We pray for nonviolent and
peaceful
resolutions of conflict.

Give us to us all
hearts of hospitality and
sanctuary,
forgive us all our hostility and
hatred.

Bring all people to the
humanity you give us,
and to the reconciliation

and healing for which you
give your life.

Strengthen us all
to work with you
to build justice and peace,
reconciliation and healing,
in our hearts and homes,
in our streets,
in all communities,
neighbourhoods and nations.

Bless all who live lives
for the peace and wellbeing
of others,
and make
their service fruitful.
In the name of Christ.

Amen



Prayer written by Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal,
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God, our refuge and strength in trouble
Today we pray for the people of Ukraine,
And for those of Russia too.
For those who awoke to great fear,
For those fleeing their homes,
For all facing danger.
Help them to feel the comfort of your presence,
Change angry hearts and minds,
Drive out hatred with your love,
And war with your perfect peace,
For we ask it in the name of the One who is our Peace
Jesus our Lord.

Amen



Prayer written by Canon Kathryn Flemming
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The world is hurting,
Bruised by war and scarred by conflict.
The people cry,
Shedding tears for places once known as home
That are now reduced to rubble.
The people cry,
Shedding tears for those they love
Who breathe no more.
Help us to learn the lesson we keep forgetting
That violence begets violence
And war is failure.
Bring peace where peace seems impossible,
And healing where all has come undone.
Merciful God,
hear our prayer.



Prayer written by Rev Liam Dacre-Davis
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Please God,
in these tragic,
testing and frightening times,
uphold
everything that is strong
and loving
in the Ukrainian
and in the Russian
people

Give them
the courage
to survive
and resist
the violence
that has been launched
against Ukraine
and the
repression
of those protesting
in Russia for peace.

May their faith
and your love
uphold them
in their suffering.

Give us
the generosity to
assist them
in whatever ways we can.
The insight to know
how best
to bring home
the message
that
violence
begets violence.

The twin challenges
humanity face
are war and climate change.
They demand
the urgent transformation
of international relations,
from contest and violence
to urgent, meaningful
and transformative
cooperation
for the common good.

Amen



Prayer written by Diana Francis

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Prayers of Intercession

God of all humanity!
Who is found in the east,
the west, the north
and the south.

We turn to you
and pray for peace.

For the people of Ukraine and
Russia, their neighboring
countries and for all other nations
caught up in conflict.

Silence

God of all humanity
Reveal your peace.

We pray for the victims of
conflict:
Women, children
and men caught in the crossfire.
Those mourning friends and
families,
for dreams that will never be.
Those taking a perilous journeys,
seeking safety.

Silence

Grant them the all
the protection of your shadow,
your comfort in grief
and hope in trouble.

God of all humanity
Reveal your peace.

We pray for all who prepare for
war
with bombs and bullets,
hatred,
propaganda
or economics.

Silence

May their threats be hollow
and their hearts turned
from stone to love
convicted by the ways of
peace and justice.

God of all humanity
Reveal your peace.

We pray for all who live with
illness
grief or fear.

Silence

May they know your
peace and wholeness
in body, mind and spirit.

God of all humanity
Reveal your peace.

We pray for ourselves,

Silence

that we will turn
from our complicity
in a world of violence,
that we will be generous;
helping all who are displaced.

God of all humanity

Reveal your peace.

We pray for your church
in every land

Silence

May we be a witness
to your light and love
in all the world.

In the name of Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace,
we pray. **Amen**

EXCERPT FROM A PUBLIC LETTER

Praying is essential but this is not nearly enough, the prayer should be accompanied by action and this action will become a prayer itself. "I felt my legs were praying," wrote Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel after the protest walk to Selma. Similarly we need to be engulfed into prayerful action:

- If we can use our hands to stop the war, we should use our hands,
- If we can use our brains to stop the war, we should use our brains,
- If we can use voice to stop the war, we should use our voice,
- If we can use our resources to stop the war, we should use our resources,
- If we can use our time and energy to stop the war, we should use our time and energy.



Reverend Dr. **Malkhaz Songulashvili**, the Metropolitan Bishop of the Evangelical Baptist Church of the Republic of Georgia and part of House of One, Berlin.

WE HEAR THE NEWS IN ANGUISH

A hymn at time of Russian invasion of Ukraine

V1/ We hear the news in anguish to know what has been done,
the cameras and recordists show hatred being spun,
the sound of rockets falling fill broadcasts round the earth,
Great God what are we doing while children come to birth?

2/ Our aspirations shudder, our hopes become as dust,
though war machines, are broken, dismembered, turn to rust.
Our conversations stutter, our talks of peace – hot air,
Great God may acts of justice grow from the seeds of prayer.

3/ No place is ever neutral when hatred fuels the fire,
humanity unites us, let love be our desire.

Join hands across the barriers that other hands have made,
until your world is mended and violence has been stayed.

Tune: KING'S LYNN;

O SACRED HEAD SORE WOUNDED has also been suggested

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