



# Prayer Vigil for Ukraine

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## **UKRAINE'S NATIONAL ANTHEM (TRANSLATION)**

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Lord, oh the Great and Almighty,  
Protect our beloved Ukraine,  
Bless her with freedom and light  
Of your holy rays.  
With learning and knowledge enlighten  
Us, your children small,  
In love pure and everlasting.  
Let us, oh Lord, grow.  
We pray, oh Lord Almighty,  
Protect our beloved Ukraine,  
Grant our people and country  
All your kindness and grace.  
Bless us with the freedom,  
Bless us with wisdom,  
Guide us into a kind world,  
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune  
Forever and evermore.

## **TONIGHT'S CLERGY**

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# PRAYER VIGIL FOR UKRAINE

*Leader:* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **TRISAGION**

Holy God

Holy and Mighty

Holy Immortal One

Have mercy, have mercy on us

## **BE STILL MY SOUL**

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God to order and provide  
In every change He faithful will remain  
Be still my soul thy best thy heavenly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past  
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still my soul begin the song of praise  
On earth believing to thy Lord on high  
Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways  
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye  
Be still my soul the Sun of life divine  
Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine

## COLLECT OF PEACE

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all people 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 tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PSALM 46\*

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,  
**a very present help in trouble.**
- 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
**though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
- 3 though its waters roar and foam,  
**though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
**the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
**God will help her when morning dawns.**
- 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
**he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
**how he has brought desolations on the earth.**
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;**  
**he burns the chariots with fire.**
- 10 "Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
**I will be exalted in the earth!"**
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

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\* Readings are from the English Standard Version.

## THE SUPPLICATION†

*Let us pray on behalf of the afflicted.*

*Leader:* O Lord, arise and help us;

*People:* **And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our forebears have declared to us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the time before them.

*Leader:* O Lord, arise and help us;

*People:* **And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

**Graciously behold our afflictions.**

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

**Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.**

With favor hear our prayers;

**O Son of David, have mercy upon us.**

Be pleased to hear us, O Christ;

**Graciously hear us, O Christ;**

**graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.**

*Leader:* Look mercifully, O Father, on our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, rescue us from all those evils we now endure; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, serving you in holiness and purity of life, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

## PRAYER INTRODUCTION

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† 2019 Book of Common Prayer, p97

## **FOR GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS AND AN END TO THE WAR...**

**Lord of lords and Prince of peace**, our politicians are predicting the biggest war in Europe since 1945, and urgently we cry out to you to write another story in our time. Thwart the dark machinations of evil men. Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to peacemakers seeking an equitable and less violent way. May politicians exercise the wisdom from above, which is peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, and full of mercy [James 3:17].‡

### **Suggested Prayer Points§**

- Pray for an immediate end to the war and that violence would cease.
- Pray that God would change the mind, heart, and plans of President Vladimir Putin.
- Pray for wisdom and strength for Ukrainian leaders, especially President Volodymyr Zelensky, to protect and defend their people.
- Pray for President Biden and other world leaders to find effective measures to deter President Putin from any further invasion.
- Pray that God would take away the arrogance and hatred which infect human hearts; break down the walls that separate us; and unite us in bonds of love.

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‡ These three prayer topics written by Pete Greig, Tear Fund UK.

§ Prayer points compiled from Ukraine's National Evangelical Association.

## **FOR REFUGEES, THOSE WHO REMAIN, AND ESPECIALLY CHILDREN...**

**You Lord,** make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9]. We ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine. Establish a peace that is strong and not weak. De-escalate this crisis. We hear of wars and rumors of wars [Matt. 24:6], but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you. And so we address the nations now. In the name of Jesus we say: "Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; he shall be exalted in the earth [Psalm 46:10].

### **Suggested Prayer Points**

- Pray for protection of all, particularly the most vulnerable, including the elderly, children, the disabled and the poor.
- Pray especially for divided families. Men and boys 18-60 are not allowed to leave Ukraine as they have been conscripted into the Ukrainian army.
- Pray for comfort, peace, and strength for mothers who are caring for little children while their husbands are drafted.
- Pray for the displaced and those who welcome them.
- Pray for those who grieve and mourn the loss of property, loss of peace and security, and loss of life.

## **FOR THE CHURCH IN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE...**

**Holy Spirit**, we pray for the church in Ukraine, a nation in which 70% of the population call themselves Christian. Give our many brothers and sisters in that nation courage in this crisis that they may proclaim the Good News of your Kingdom, bind up broken hearts, and bring comfort to all who mourn [Isaiah 61:1-2].

### **Suggested Prayer Points**

- Pray that God would unite churches across the borders of tradition and state. That the mission and ministry of Jesus would go forth.
- Pray for true healing for all who will experience physical, emotional and spiritual trauma.
- Pray that people would turn to and choose Jesus and that they would experience his hope and peace.
- Pray for missionaries — those who were called to stay as well as those who were called to leave.
- Pray that God's will be done on earth that it is in heaven.



*Leader:* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*All:* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Leader:* Let us pray.  
*All:* **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**

## **GOD OF THE ALTAR**

O God of earth and altar  
Bow down and hear our cry  
Our earthly rulers falter  
Our people drift and die  
The walls of gold entomb us  
The swords of scorn divide  
Take not Thy thunder from us  
But take away our pride

From all that terror teaches  
From lies of tongue and pen  
From all the easy speeches  
That comfort cruel men  
From sale and profanation  
Of honor and the sword  
From sleep and from damnation  
Deliver us good Lord

Tie in a living tether  
The prince and priest and thrall  
Bind all our lives together  
Smite us and save us all  
In ire and exultation  
Aflame with faith and free  
Lift up a living nation  
A single sword to Thee

## **HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

**He will hold me fast**

**He will hold me fast**

**For my Savior loves me so**

**He will hold me fast**

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last

## **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## FINAL PRAYER

*Leader:* Almighty, everlasting God, let our prayer in your sight be as incense, the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Give us grace to behold you, present in your Word and Sacraments, and to recognize you in the life of those around us. Stir up in us the flame of that love which burned in the heart of your Son as he bore his passion, and let it burn in us to eternal life and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

*Leader:* The Lord Bless you and keep you.

*People:* **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

**Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Leader:* Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

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