

A Liturgy for Peace in Ukraine

To be said alone, or with those we live with

Almighty Father, we come before you with heavy hearts as we hear of a violent invasion of Ukraine. Remembering your will to restore all things, and trusting in your power to accomplish the same through the cross of Christ, we join with your whole church in praying for peace.

For those families with children fleeing their homes, we pray
Lord, have mercy

For those who at this moment are under fire, we pray
Christ, have mercy

For the territories long occupied by foreign troops, we pray
Lord, have mercy

Almighty God, we bless and praise you for your word that commands us to fear you. O Lord, we repent of all rebellion against you, and declare that you are our only hope and our only salvation.

Eternal king, who rules over nations and ages, we ask you to hold back and confound these purposes of evil. May those who intend such acts know that the day is coming when they must face your judgement, and so be turned to peace.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the international sanctions now faced by Russia, and ask that they would have the desired effect on the proud and powerful. Incline the hearts of those in authority towards international harmony, and the desires of world leaders towards to common good.

Amen

We pray for the communities and friendships torn apart by war; for the education of a future generation put on hold; for husbands and wives separated by duty; for children experiencing unspeakable horrors.

Almighty God, hear our prayer

We pray for the elderly and infirm; for the mothers and fathers who watch their children leave for war; for young people caught up in a conflict much older than they; for pregnant women and nursing mothers.

Almighty God, hear our prayer

Silence is kept as we offer our own intercessions.

We hold any we know who are directly affected before you, Lord.

Almighty God, hear our prayer

Almighty Father,

We praise and bless you for the coming kingdom of peace,

in desperation we cry

O Lord, bring your kingdom today!

For your children in Ukraine, our brothers and sisters through the gospel, we pray

O Lord, bring your kingdom today!

For faithful disciples in Russia, our brothers and sisters through the gospel, we pray

O Lord, bring your kingdom today!

Raise up your church, O Lord, and grant that all those who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love.

Most especially we pray for our family in Christ as they suffer attack: defend them by your might, frustrate unto the point of retreat those who would do them harm, and give them the strength to confess your name, ever mindful of the eternal prize that awaits them.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

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;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Church of England: A Prayer for International Unrest)

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

May we know God's presence and Fatherly goodness with us, even as we hear of war

Amen, Come Holy Spirit

And may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts by faith, as we await that day when all wars shall cease

Amen, Come Lord Jesus

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