



# PRAY FOR UKRAINE

Lord, we see despair etched on the faces of Ukrainians as their citizenship becomes their crime; their land becomes a battleground and their freedom becomes a bargaining chip.

We watch in horror as a father holds his hand against a train window, trying to touch his wife and daughter through the glass.

We weep as the train pulls away into an unknown future for all of them. This is not how it should be! Evil intentions are destroying the dreams of the innocent.

***'O Lord, how long shall I cry for help  
and you will not listen?  
Or cry "Violence!"  
and you will not save?  
Why do you make me see  
wrongdoing and look at trouble?'***

We see more. We see determination; resilience; courage; people who will never be captives. Their cities may be taken, but never their hearts. Their land may be ravaged but they will always be free. Tanks may roll on their streets but passion flows in their veins. Guns and bullets may leave their marks but we hear unfettered freedom in their cries.

They sing hymns that declare that You will hold them fast. They stand in the street and will not move. From their president to their pensioners we see resolve.

***'O Lord, we have heard of your  
renown,  
and we stand in awe, O Lord, of your  
work. In our own time revive it;  
in our own time make it known;  
in wrath may you remember mercy.'***

We see unity emerging in nations that were divided; generosity at border crossings; families opening their homes; funds being raised; solidarity being shown. We see evil overstretching itself; that in the end, this will not be the end; this dictator will not last forever.

***'Though the fig tree does not  
blossom,  
and no fruit is on the vines;  
though the produce of the olive fails,  
and the fields yield no food;  
though the flock is cut off from the  
fold,  
and there is no herd in the stalls,  
yet may we rejoice in the Lord;  
may we exult in the God of our  
salvation. God, the Lord, is our  
strength; he makes our feet like the  
feet of a deer, and makes us tread  
upon the heights.'***

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## LORD HAVE MERCY

# PRAYER POINTS

## PRESIDENT ZELENSKY 1

For courage in the face of such overwhelming force, for personal safety in the face of such danger, and for wisdom in the face of a seemingly impossible situation.



## CITIZENS FLEEING 2

For Governments to provide access across borders and for countries to provide a warm welcome; that they would have safety, hospitality and provisions.



## CITIZENS DEFENDING 3

For courage, endurance and success for those who remain in Ukraine to defend their country, cities & villages, whether they are trained members of the military or the untrained citizens who have been conscripted to the cause.

## LOCAL CHRISTIANS 4

For continued faith in such difficult times, and that they would be the hands and feet of God wherever they are; that they would be lights shining in the darkness and bringers of Christ's Hope to those in despair.

## WORLD LEADERS

# 5

For continued and increased unity of thought, purpose and policy; for wisdom as they seek to resolve the conflict without external military force.



## PEACE 6

Prince of Peace and God of the impossible, we pray for the conflict to de-escalate, for troops to withdraw, for attacks on cities, towns and villages to cease, and for you to raise up, empower & equip peacemakers. We humbly ask that the talks between Russian and Ukrainian diplomats & politicians would bear good fruit and see peace quickly return to Ukraine.

## PRESIDENT PUTIN

# 7

Jesus said to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute; so Lord, we pray for a softening of Putin's heart and a complete transformation of his mind; may he become a man of peace not war.



# PSALM 46:1-11

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

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**O LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**