

**Prayers for Ukraine**  
***March 2022***



*Photograph, Liz Slade, Underpass in Kyiv, 2019*

*"My soul is sorrowful, even unto death, stay awake and keep watch with me " (Mark 14:34)*

This is the call we answer tonight.

There are people fearful, and we would be with them.

There are people grieving and we would be there.

There are people who must make choices we are currently spared and while we dare not counsel,  
we would they know they are not alone tonight.

In the darkness and the quiet we will be with them,

We will seek strength for and with them,

We will seek comfort for and with them,

And we will hope that each of us may rise to answer the call we alone can discern in our hearts.

*Amen*

*Darren Canning*



Spirit of love within us, and in all people,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
Especially for those fleeing their homes, and those made homeless.  
For those defending their homeland against unprovoked aggression, including those who engage  
in active non-violent resistance.  
And for all who are able to give humanitarian help.

We thank you, Spirit, for the light of Your love that shines most brightly in Poland, whose  
government has pledged to allow unlimited numbers of Ukrainian refugees in, and provide them  
with food, medical care, and temporary accommodation; this light that shines also in Ukraine's  
other neighbours willingly receiving refugees: Slovakia, Moldova, Hungary, and Romania; and also  
in Germany. God bless them all.

We pray with compassion also for the people of Russia, Donetsk and Luhansk; and for the good of  
all people who pray under onion domes and try to love the one God of us all.  
We pray that any gains made by the force of coarse and cruel evil be short-lived. May the pain and  
sorrow, loss and grief pass.  
And may the enduring strength of Good soon prevail, in Ukraine, in Russia, and everywhere in  
Europe.

*Amen*

*Wade Miller-Knight*



### **A Prayer for Peace in 2022**

Spirit of life and love  
Divine indwelling, in whom we live and move and have our being

May your light be with the people of Ukraine in this dark hour  
May your presence offer hope and peace to those who live in fear  
May your strength enfold the vulnerable  
May your courage be with those who are forced to fight  
May your wisdom stay the hands of those who abuse their power so cruelly  
May your love hold us in wordless communion with each other... so that those in pain are never  
alone  
Ground of our being, open our hearts to the suffering of all those who live in places of war, may  
your love connect us all and guide us more deeply into your presence and peace.

*So May it Be*



## **Prayer in Time of War: for Ukraine**

For the people suffering under aggression and unjust war we ask the strength and the endurance to prevail.

And may we find wise ways to help them do so.

For the aggressor and the tyrant we ask the grace of utter defeat, that they may learn humility and be freed from the folly of their arrogance, their inhumanity and their criminal ways.

For the human instruments of the oppressor and the warmonger, those fooled or forced into the commission of evil deeds, we ask the insight to see the wickedness and illegitimacy of their master's orders - and the courage to disobey them.

For ourselves and all humanity we ask for the impulse to be kind, to be generous to those driven from their homes and homeland, those in desperate need of welcome, food and shelter, those seeking refuge from the scourge of war, those cruelly touched by violence inflicted on them without valid reason or just cause.

For us all we ask for the love to heal all enmity and for the wisdom to bring us, weak and sinful as we are, to the way of peace with justice.

*May it be so.*

*Rev. Cliff Reed*

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This is a community for sharing. We share our joys, we share our sorrows. We share our laughter; we share our tears. We share our hopes, we share our fears. As we remember the plight of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, we share what we can. We share with them our gifts. We share our time, our compassion, our care, and the greatest gift of all, we share our love.

*Peter Flower*



How can I keep on singing, when all around me tears my heart? The battle cry of strife has claimed more lives than ever known before.

How can I go on loving, when all around me are lives cut short? With homes destroyed and dreams and dead, How long dear god, how long!?

How can I go on living, when all around me is emptiness and void? When starving children plead with hungry eye?

How can I go on, when all around millions weep and mourn? For family, friends and kin, beloved cat, dog and horse?

How can I keep on praying when all around me I numbly hear the anguished cries that pierce the air? How long dear god how long?

From the abyss of doubt and fear, our struggling minds numbly repeat "kyrie"  
Grant us mercy, strength and peace, and not turn our hearts to cold, to seek to hurt and act in revenge.

Have Mercy Upon us Lord, make our courage great, rekindle in our hearts hope and steadfast love to help those who cry into the empty void, and show compassion, turn our sighing into loving, turn our weeping to hope; speak to us words of comfort and peace, grant us now your loving spirit to kindle in us one song of peace from every human heart.

*Amen, so may it be*

*Paul Lindsay Dawson*



## **Blessings Prayer**

**After the invasion of Ukraine February 2022**

Spirit of love, of light, of truth, of freedom

Bring courage to those who so desperately need it at this time of crisis in our world. Our faith challenges us to remember all those who have fought for freedom against tyranny. Our hearts go out to those caught up in the suffering that violence brings; especially the most innocent: the children and civilians everywhere living their lives peacefully.

Let kindness bless their lives – small acts of kindness that we pray will give them strength, that will ease their fear and anxiety, that will reassure them of those human values that even in the darkest times, can bring hope and resilience.

Eternal Spirit of love– illumine their lives, protect them, give them strength not to despair, bless them with encircling moments of kindness and compassion that can shine through and bring comfort even in the midst of great suffering.

*Let it be so. Amen*

*Margaret Kirk*

