



Prayer for Ukraine

We praise and thank you, God of Light,
for you are without beginning and without end.
Through Christ, you created the whole world;
through Christ you preserve it.
All day long you are working for good in the world.
Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors
and to devote each day to your Son, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Loving God, your Son Jesus wept over Jerusalem.
Today, we weep over Ukraine.
We weep for those uprooted from their homes and lives.
We weep for those cowering in basements.
We weep for those who have witnessed death and destruction on their streets.
We weep for those separated from parents, from children,
from spouses and siblings.

We are amazed at the resilience of people seeking to comfort those in need
and so we pray for governments opening up borders
so that Ukrainians can have safe passage.
We pray for churches and individuals providing food, clothing and shelter.
We pray for medical workers ensuring that shattered bodies
are put back together again.
We pray for ordinary Russians demonstrating and voicing their
disapproval of the military actions in Ukraine.
We pray for the violence to stop and peace to come to this land.

May the Holy Spirit give us the willpower to turn our tears into action also.
May we, through our words, prayers and example pursue the things
that make for a just peace in the world today and especially in Ukraine.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen