



Imagine

Imagine a child born in the Kiev metro and his powerless mother, sheltering from shells.

Christ is crying alongside them.

Imagine a lonely grandmother with a grandson in Lugansk who cannot sleep because of explosions and sirens.

Christ is crying alongside them.

Picture Russian and Ukrainian soldiers looking at each other through a machine gun point.

Christ is crying alongside them.

Imagine the drivers who spent three nights in line at the Ukrainian-Polish border.

Christ is crying alongside them.

Imagine your Facebook friends who are ready to denazify each other with their comments.

Christ is crying alongside them.

Imagine the explosions near your home and the wounded in the east and west, in the south and north of Ukraine.

Christ is crying alongside them.

Imagine millions of refugees from Ukraine in Europe and Russia.

Christ is crying alongside them.

Imagine coffins with 18-year-old boys who were just starting to live and their mothers killed by grief.

Christ is crying alongside them.

Imagine hugging all these people.

Christ embraces them with you.

The church is the hope of peace given to us by God. Today, she is criticized, split, and accused of inaction. She “deserved” it to a certain extent. Jesus said the gates of hell shall not overcome her. It seems to me that the gates of hell have entered into Russian-Ukrainian relations.

But I hold on to the words of Jesus Christ and believe that the church is the hope of the world. The church is people who worship Christ in spirit and truth. They live in love with God and their neighbor, they do not divide, but unite, do not expel, but accept, do not betray, but repent before each other. The Church is the hope of the world for Ukrainians and Russians, Chinese and Americans, Armenians and Azerbaijanis....

Lord, bless and protect the Church. Increase my hope; in You I put my trust. Give peace and healing. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.