

Prayers for Peace in Ukraine



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The following prayers, written by confreres, the popes, and other religious believers, are offered for your personal use as well as ministry among the People of God.

Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Tom Hinni, C.M.

God of infinite mercy, with grateful hearts we pray to you today for peace.

You offer to us your peace continually and constantly remind us that peacemakers are blessed
 “for they shall be called children of God.”

May your voice resound in the hearts of all, as you call us to follow the path of reconciliation and peace and to be merciful as you are merciful.

We pray to you for the people of Ukraine who are experiencing conflict and death.

Grant eternal rest to the dead and quick recovery to the wounded. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

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Paul Golden, C.M.

Jesus, you said to the Apostles and to us: “Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.” We beg you to look with mercy and compassion on us, the sons of St. Vincent, as we stand in need again for peace in our troubled world. We pray for a quick end to the war in Ukraine. We pray for the dead, the injured, and displaced. We pray for those bearing arms who may or may not understand the purpose of such a war. We ask you, Prince of Peace, to assist our world leaders to find a resolution for this violence. We pray this through the intercession of your Blessed Mother, the Queen of Peace. Amen.

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Pope Francis (2022)

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this Day.

Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome.

We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that in Ukraine millions of people were killed [1932-1933].

They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace.

May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests.

Please, no more war.

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2022/01/26/pope-francis-peace-prayer-ukraine-242284>

Prayer for Peace

Pope Francis (2014)

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us, and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom,

Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/prayers/documents/papa-francesco_pregiere_20140608_invocazione-pace.html

A Prayer to the Creator

Pope Francis (2020)

Encyclical Letter, Fratelli Tutti, On Fraternity and Social Friendship

Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.
Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams. Amen.

Prayers for Ukraine

National Council of Churches

Gracious and Merciful God,

We pray today for the Ukrainian people and ask for Your intervention in this senseless war levied against them by Russia. We pray, O God, for protection and that there would be peace. We pray for restoration and renewed hope. We pray for the families, especially, the children living through the horrors of war and all the upheaval and tribulation it brings. We also pray for those protesting in Russia against these violent acts by their government. We ask that You protect, cover and keep these protesters as they put their bodies on the line in the name of what is just and righteous. We pray for the entire world community, including the leaders in our own country. Give them wisdom and ingenuity to respond in ways that ends this war and moves us all to a world where Your peace abides. Hear the cries of Your people, O God.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Amen.

<https://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/prayers-for-ukraine/>

Anglican Prayers for Ukraine and Peace

God of timelessness,
 From chaos and disorder
 you brought forth the beauty of creation;
 From the chaos of war and violence
 Bring forth the beauty of peace.
 God of compassion
 You saw the humanity of the outcast and the stranger;
 Help us to see the evils of our hatreds and suspicions
 and to turn them into the embrace of your Beloved Community.
 God of peace,
 Through your love on the cross
 You overcame the power of violence and death;
 Turn us away from the love of power
 That we may transform a warring world
 through the power of your love. Amen.

– *The Rt. Rev Mark Edington, Bishop of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe*

God of peace and justice,
 We pray for the people of Ukraine today.
 We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
 We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
 that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
 We pray for those with power over war or peace,
 for wisdom, discernment, and compassion
 to guide their decisions.
 Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
 that you would hold and protect them.
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
 Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

<https://dioceseofnewark.org/content/prayers-ukraine-and-peace>

A Jewish Prayer of Peace for the People of Ukraine

Rabbi Naomi Levy

God, Our hearts are with all the people of Ukraine,
 Its president, Volodymyr Zelensky,
 And with our Jewish brothers and sisters in Ukraine
 200,000 souls
 Who crouch in fear
 As the sound of sirens and bombs pierces the air.
 Synagogues once filled with songs of celebration
 Have become makeshift shelters.
 Echoes of the Holocaust reverberate,
 The memory of the one and a half million
 Martyred Ukrainian Jews.
 God, we pray that the panic in the streets of Ukraine
 Will give way to the sound of children playing,
 And the sound of sirens will give way to songs of hope.
 We pray that the world community will unite
 And cause the Russian army to retreat.
 We pray for no more violence
 Or bloodshed
 And we pray that diplomacy
 Will be the path to peace.
 Hear our prayers, God,
 Hear the prayers of the mothers and fathers,
 the prayers of the children
 longing for safety.
 God, our Shelter,
 Bring peace.
 Let it rain down from the heavens like a mighty storm.
 Let it wash away all hatred and bloodshed.
 Peace, God. Please, God. Amen.

<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/story/prayers-ukraine>

Prayer for Peace in Our Communities

Jane Deren

How long, O Lord, how long?
 How long must we see the others as enemy,
 as someone whose life is less than our own,
 rather than as brother or sister?

How long, O Lord, how long
 Will we allow wounds to fester
 rather than applying the healing balm
 of recognition of pain and suffering,
 of deep and authentic reconciliation?

We have much to learn, and little time.
 Move us from old ideas of who “the other” may be,
 move us to look with new eyes
 to see the entangled roots of violence,
 to see the humanity behind the anger.

O God of peace, hear our cries.
 Forgive us, open our minds and hearts.
 Give us your mercy
 so we may bring an end to
 this seemingly endless violence.

In your ways are peace;
 may we all hasten
 to follow your call
 to become peacemakers
 in the here and now. Amen.

Prayer for Peace

St. John XXIII

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace,
 who are yourself our peace and reconciliation,
 who so often said, “Peace to you,” grant us peace.
 Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love.
 Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.
 Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.
 May all peoples of the earth becomes as brothers and sisters.
 May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.

Amen.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/pope-francis-prayer-peace>

Intercessory Prayers for Peace in Ukraine

Lutheran World Federation

God, strengthen, encourage, embolden, comfort, protect, the people of Ukraine. Establish a just peace, O God, not any peace, but a just peace. [Brief silence]

God, Lover of justice, establish justice. Speak out of the pillar of cloud, let your voice shake the contorted and selfish foundations of human plans. Avenge wrongdoing. [Brief silence]

God, Mighty Ruler, shelter the civilian population that is now being bombed. Avenge wrongdoing. [Brief silence]

Preserve us from the whims and ambitions of the powerful of this world and lead them to recognize their limits that they may find ways towards peace and put an end to the loss of life and the senselessness of war. [Brief silence]

Establish justice, O God, in other war-torn countries: Myanmar / Syria / Ethiopia and the Tigray region / Yemen / Armenia / South Sudan. Free us from the hardships of war. [Brief silence]

“Seek peace and pursue it” (Psalm 34:14) Open the hearts of those in the West, caught as we are in the web of our own self economic interests, making our governments often unable to boldly confront evil. Guide those with responsibility in our governments. [Brief silence]

Forgive our bias when we uphold a western narrative concerning refugees. Forgive us when some nationalities are profiled and blocked at the border as they flee Ukraine. All are victims and we are all one human family. Turn us around, O God, towards one another. [Brief silence]

Soften the hearts of those who have hardened them and let us return to the knowledge of your wisdom. Give us courage to respond to the cry of the church and people in Ukraine. [Brief silence]

Protect and embolden those in Ukraine resisting the invasion. Guide them. Guide and safeguard the government and President Zelensky. [Brief silence]

Support and protect them, O God, protect all those who have lost their homes that they find new places to stay, give the hungry food, comfort those who weep, unite those who are separated. [Brief silence]

Sustain and strengthen those already on the ground providing humanitarian aid, food, clothes, shelter, medications, and other essentials. [Brief silence]

Protect and encourage those within Russia who advocate for peace and justice at the risk of their own safety. Blessed are the peacemakers. [Brief silence]

In the midst of conflict, we continue to suffer from the pandemic. Heal our world from the manifold impacts of COVID, physical, emotional, social, economic, and political...

Strengthen us with your irresistible strength so that we do your will and make your light of truth shine here on earth. Make us all instruments of your peace and your righteousness. Equip us with all that is necessary to serve our fellow human beings. [Brief silence]

Bless all with your peace so that we can work together, hand in hand, for a more free and just society, to your praise and glory. [Brief silence]

Amen.

https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/2021/documents/20220302_-_lwf_-_ukraine_crisis_-_intercessory_prayers_-_en.pdf