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VARIOUS PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE & EUROPE

O God, King of the nations, Holy Wisdom,
pour down your peace from above on Russia and Ukraine.
Protect their freedoms, unite their peoples in friendship, and give us, who rightly fear the wrath
of war, repentance and right judgement, in all we do. **Amen.**

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice.
Help us your servants here in Runnymede,
who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow.
and, as we commend to you lives
lost in terror and conflict, past and present,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence.
this we ask in your holy and wonderful name. **Amen**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the Ukrainian people today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of arms:
We pray for all who fear for tomorrow,
may your Spirit of consolation draw near to them
We pray for those who have power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all of your precious children, to
that you would like to hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Risen Lord Jesus, I come before you ready to pour out my worries,
anxieties, and fears at your feet.
I am claiming your promises for the blessing of peace and strength over my life
And all those who fear war or are caught up in the wake of war.
Bring peace into my soul that passes all understanding
and make me a light for others to see your strength and peace. **Amen.**

Lord of life and love, we pray for all fleeing war and conflict in Europe at this time and for those
they have had to leave behind. For all fighting and all in danger. We trust you with everything,
our fears and struggles, and we pray earnestly for peace in Europe. Bless the people of
Ukraine with your Spirit of comfort and protection, and may peace be realised for all. Lord, in
your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Father God, you know me, and I know you love me. You know my every thought and you know I am fearful in the face of war and terror. Today, I choose to fix my heart upon you. Thank you for your love and comfort, and for your faithfulness. Your servants, amid wars and rumours of wars, praise you and give you thanks, even as we are tempted to anger, frustration, and fear. With you by my side and in my heart, I have no need to fear. May peace, love and harmony abound, and your love be made known to all and for all. Thank you, Lord. **Amen.**

Loving God, I pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
I pray for world leaders, for compassion, wisdom
and respect for human life and dignity to guide their choices.
I pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to the people of Ukraine in need.
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. **Amen.**

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed,
kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace.
Guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel
for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

God of mercy, Lord of love, Spirit of peace – blessed Trinity,
I pray for Russia and Ukraine at this time of war.
For every person, for the dignity of life and for justice for all -
may peace and love abound for all people. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we pray for the situation in Ukraine.
We pray for those who live in fear, that you may grant them peace.
We pray that the voices for discernment and peaceful solutions may prosper.
Lord, we ask that you raise up peacemakers on all sides, that war and violence might cease.
Give diplomats wisdom, understanding and build trust.
We pray earnestly for the church in Ukraine; may they be salt and light in a dark situation –
protect them all with your mercy. Lord may your kingdom come. **Amen.**

Bible readings to help us pray for peace:

Isaiah 9.1-6; or 57.15-19; Micah 4.1-5
Psalms 40.14-17; 72.1-7; 85.8-13
Philippians 4.6-9; 1 Timothy 2.1-6; James 3.13-18
Matthew 5.43-end; John 14.23-29; or 15.9-17

A prayer of Blessing:

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

These prayers come from various sources including CAFOD, Christian Aid, The Church of England - The Archbishop's of Canterbury and York, and The Revd Canon Angela Tilby and Fr Damian Harrison-Miles.