

Update and Prayer for Ukraine

Thank you to all of you who immediately responded to our email regarding the war in Ukraine and the urgent need to help! As a result, we have been able to prepare over 45 beds at the orphanage that will soon be occupied by those fleeing Ukraine and who are in need of shelter.

Hand of Help has been in constant contact with the teams of missionaries tending to the refugees at the border and the pastors facilitating evacuations from over 22 hours away, and has sent much needed financial support to fund their efforts.

Would you join us in the following prayer?

Heavenly Father, You are God in times of peace, God in times of war.

You are God in times of joy, God in times of mourning and grief.

You have always been and will always be GOD!

Heaven is Your throne and earth is Your footstool!

We are overwhelmed by Your love and humbled that You, our Sovereign God would even care to hear our prayers.

We are deserving of nothing but wrath, but draw near as sons and daughters redeemed by the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Our hearts are heavy as we see war unfold across the nations, and as one part of the body suffers, we all suffer with it. However, our pain is stilled as we are reminded of the promises You have for Your children.

Even as Russia's President ordered nuclear forces to their highest alert, we declare that we trust not in our horses or chariots, missiles or military allies; we trust in the Name of the Lord!

It is in the Name of our Lord that we pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

As death and destruction loom, we pray that You would bring Ukraine, Russia and all the nations of the world to a place of humbleness, repentance, that we may seek Your face, that we may call upon Your Name, so that You might hear, forgive our sin, and heal our land.

We pray that You would stop the hand of the aggressor and bring about a resolution that seems impossible to man, but simple to an Omnipotent God.

We pray that if peace talks do occur, You would grant wisdom to the parties involved and bring resolve.

Father,

We pray for those who are displaced, for the women and children stepping into foreign lands and leaving their husbands and fathers behind to fight, we pray that You would bring believers into their path that would minister to them, point them to the Word, point them to You.

We pray for those unable to leave, for the children sheltering in root cellars, for the orphans in Poltava that are in the basement and too afraid to be evacuated, for the elderly too weak to be moved, for the pastors serving their flocks during this time and refusing to flee, for those congregating under the threat of active fire, be with them Lord. Strengthen them. May the Holy Spirit comfort them and grant them peace.

May we be challenged by their example and draw closer to You, trusting You in every aspect of our lives! May we value each other, grow in our love for each

other, and grow Your church in unity. As many before us stepped out in faith, Lord we pray that You would move on our hearts to do the same.

With others unable to worship in their churches, we do not take our freedom to congregate for granted. We thank You, Father, for this tremendous blessing!

We also pray for the Hindu Indian students fleeing Ukraine through Romania. May they see the fruit of the Spirit in the believers ministering to them and may they respond to the powerful message of the Gospel.

Please protect the church buildings. We pray that they would withstand this attack and that this too would serve as a testimony among non-believers in the communities.

Thank you for Your outpouring of love towards the people of Ukraine through individuals, ministries and churches around the world!

Father, sustain our brothers and sisters, may they persevere to the end of this turmoil. If You have decided to take some home during this time, please grant them love and grace to share the Gospel even with their torturer or executioner.

Father, keep them steadfast of mind and in perfect peace as they place their trust in You.

Whether in victory, defeat, or with their final breath, may they be found proclaiming the Name above all names, the Name of our Lord Jesus.

We are persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is in Your Name we pray. Amen