

Newsletter/Parish Resources in Response to the Conflict in Ukraine

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Mass in Time of War or Civil Disturbance

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
And I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect

O God, author and lover of peace,
to know you is to live, to serve you is to reign;
defend against every attack those who cry to you,
so that we, who trust in your protection,
may not fear the weapons of any foe.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be mindful, Lord, that your Son,
who himself is peace,
has destroyed our hatreds by his Blood;
look in mercy on our evil deeds
and grant that to those whom you love
this sacrifice may restore peace and tranquillity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

Eucharistic Prayer for use in Masses for Various Needs IV Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. And with your spirit.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Father of mercies and faithful God.

For you have given us Jesus Christ, your Son,
as our Lord and Redeemer.

He always showed compassion
for children and for the poor,
for the sick and for sinners,
and he became a neighbour
to the oppressed and the afflicted.

By word and deed he announced to the world
that you are our Father
and that you care for all your sons and daughters.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we exalt and bless your name
and sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna I the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are indeed Holy and to be glorified, O God,
who love the human race
and who always walk with us on the journey of life.
Blessed indeed is your Son,
present in our midst
when we are gathered by his love,
and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us,
he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.
Therefore, Father most merciful,

we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit
to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may become for us
the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,
on the night of the Last Supper,
he took bread and said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice, gave you thanks
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.**

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
For by your Cross and Resurrection
You have set us free.**

Therefore, holy Father,
as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your Son, our Saviour,
whom you led through his Passion and Death on the Cross
to the glory of the Resurrection,
and whom you have seated at your right hand,
we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again

and we offer you the Bread of life
and the Chalice of blessing.

Look with favour on the oblation of your Church,
in which we show forth
the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us,
and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love,
we may be counted now and until the day of eternity
among the members of your Son,
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Bring your Church, O Lord,
to perfect faith and charity,
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop,
with all Bishops, Priests and Deacons,
and the entire people you have made your own.

Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters;
inspire in us words and actions
to comfort those who labour and are burdened.
Make us serve them truly,
after the example of Christ and at his command.
And may your Church stand as a living witness
to truth and freedom,
to peace and justice,
that all people may be raised up to a new hope.

Remember our brothers and sisters (N. and N.),
who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ,
and all the dead, whose faith you alone have known.
Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face,
and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us,
when our earthly pilgrimage is done,
that we may come to an eternal dwelling place
and live with you for ever;

there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with the Apostles and Martyrs,
(with Saint N.: *the Saint of the day or Patron*)
and with all the Saints,
we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you, says the Lord.
Not as the world give do I give it to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

Prayer after Communion

Grant to us, O Lord,
that, nourished with the delights of the one Bread
that fortifies the human heart,
we may successfully overcome the fury of war
and resolutely keep your law of love and justice.
Through Christ our Lord.

Rosary for Ukraine

The following reflections on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary may enhance praying the Rosary for the people of Ukraine.

First Joyful Mystery – The Annunciation

The angel Gabriel – messenger of God – appears to Mary. She is ‘deeply disturbed’ by his words and the angel reassures her: ‘Mary, do not be afraid, you have won God’s favour’. He announces she is to ‘conceive and bear a son’ – God made flesh and living among His people. ‘Nothing is impossible to God’, the angel reminded Mary. We think of the people of Ukraine, and how their lives have been ‘deeply disturbed’ with the news that they are war. We think of their apprehension and fear as they are caught up in a war that is not of their making. Calm their fears and anxieties, Lord. Instil courage and hope in the hearts of the Ukrainian people for nothing is impossible to God.

Second Joyful Mystery – The Visitation

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She came to the assistance of her cousin Elizabeth and remained with her for three months. In her Magnificat, Mary proclaims the greatness of the Lord who has ‘routed the proud of heart’, and ‘pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly’. We pray for world leaders that they will actively come to the assistance of the people of Ukraine. May they remain with them – as Mary did with her cousin - until the war is suppressed and lasting peace established. We pray in this decade for those who are travelling home to Ukraine to protect their homeland, and their loved ones.

Third Joyful Mystery – The Birth of our Lord

The angel appeared to the shepherds who watched their flocks by night and said to them, ‘Do not be afraid’. “Today a Saviour has been born to you in David’s town; he is Christ the Lord.” ‘Suddenly, the angel was surrounded by a great multitude of angels from heaven, saying, “Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to people of goodwill.”’ We pray the ‘Prince of Peace’, will move the hearts and minds of all people and nations to work for peace. We pray the Holy Spirit will guide the paths of diplomacy which open the channels of communication and recognise the rights of democracies and people to live in peace.

Fourth Joyful Mystery – The Presentation in the Temple

Mary and Joseph bring the child Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simeon, speaks of the child saying, ‘This child is destined for the rise and fall of many in Israel’.....and a sword shall pierce your heart too.’ The prophetess, Anna ‘spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.’ We pray for the deliverance of Ukraine from war, oppression and conflict. We pray for those whose hearts are pierced with sorrow as their homes and livelihoods are destroyed. We pray for those fleeing their country seeking asylum across Europe, and we pray for those whose hearts are pierced with grief and loss as they mourn their loved ones who have died.

Fifth Joyful Mystery – The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Having visited Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover, Mary and Joseph were returning home while Jesus remained in Jerusalem unknown to his parents. After three days they found him in the Temple, ‘sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all the people were amazed at his understanding and his answers.’ We get a glimpse of respectful listening, the bringing together of understandings of the Law. Both learn from each other in mutual understanding which brings clarity. We pray for all sides of the conflict. May they sit together in a spirit of respectful listening to build genuine and lasting peace. As Jesus lived under Mary and Joseph’s authority in Nazareth, we pray for the protection of Ukraine as a sovereign state

PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of infinite mercy and goodness,
with grateful hearts we pray to you today for Peace.
You offer us your peace continually (Jn.14:27)
and constantly remind us that peacemakers are blessed,
“for they shall be called children of God” (Mt.5:9).
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 the Ukraine
who are experiencing conflicts and deaths.
Bless the leaders with the wisdom, vision and perseverance
needed to build together a world of justice and solidarity,
and to break down walls of hostility and division.

To you we entrust all families
and pray that they may never yield to discouragement and despair,
but become heralds of new hope to one another in this challenging time.

May you continue to inspire all of us to oneness of heart and mind,
to work generously for the common good,
to respect the dignity of every person
and the fundamental rights
which have their origin in the image and likeness of God
impressed upon every human being.

Grant eternal rest to the dead
and quick recovery to the wounded,
we pray through Christ our Lord, **Amen!**

(Adapted from: Pope JPII's Prayer for Peace, 2001)

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters 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.

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FOR PEACE

God of love,
we are disconcerted by the violence in our world,
and especially now by the acts of war in Ukraine.
Enable us to stand in solidarity with those who suffer,
and who live today in fear and anxiety.
Sustain the hope of all those,
in this beloved part of the world,
who seek justice and peace.
Send the Holy Spirit,
the Spirit of peace,
to inspire the leaders of nations and all human beings.

Br. Alois, Taizé

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Holy and Gracious God

we pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia;
for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid;

that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death;

that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war;

that they will remember that you direct your people

to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage;

that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Amen

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A Litany for Ukraine

- Reader:** Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Ukraine in prayer.
- Reader:** As the people of Ukraine seek refuge from the tyranny of war.
All: **May they find shelter in God's arm,**
- Reader:** As they try to calm their fears.
All: **May they find comfort in God's arm,**
- Reader:** As they worry about where to find food and shelter.
All: **May they find comfort in God's arm,**
- Reader:** As they witness the devastation that war brings.
All: **May they find solace in God's arm,**
- Reader:** As they leave their homes behind to find safety.
All: **May they find strength in God's arm.**
- Reader:** Deliver us all from the folly of believing good can come from war and violence.
All: **God hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** Give us the courage to resist the myths of violence.
All: **God hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** Forgive us our pride as a super military power.
All: **God hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** Give us the compassion that gives birth to generosity and hospitality.
All: **God hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** Let us show love and mercy for those fleeing war.
All: **God hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** Mould us as a people of peace.
All: **God hear our prayer.**

May God hear our prayers and the cry of the Ukrainian people.

Sts. Cyril and Methodius, pray for us.

St. Volodymyr, **pray for us.**

St. Olga, **pray for us.**

St. Anthony of the Caves, **pray for us.**

St. Josaphat, **pray for us.**

Blessed Vasil Velischkovsky, **pray for us.**

(Adapted from Text prepared by Iris de León-Hartshorn, Mennonite Church USA)

Day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine ~Pope Francis

During the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis made a heartfelt appeal for peace in Ukraine, saying that the threat of war had caused “great pain in my heart.” He announced that Ash Wednesday (March 2) will be a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine. “I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war,” he said.

Pope Francis appealed to those “with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies.”

He also prayed that “all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.”

Prayer is the real revolution that changes the world because it changes hearts. We have few resources against war, without bearing direct responsibility for them, the devil foments them with hatred, cunning, wickedness. This kind of demon, Jesus says, “never comes out except by prayer and fasting.”

“As believers, we do not lose hope for a glimmer of conscience on the part of those who hold in their hands the fortunes of the world. And we continue to pray and fast — as we shall do this coming Ash Wednesday (March 2) — for peace in Ukraine and in the entire world. (Cardinal Pietro Parolin for Vatican News)”

Statement from Archbishop Dermot Farrell on the Invasion of Ukraine

I wish to express my shock and dismay at the tragic events unfolding in Ukraine. Significant diplomatic efforts have come to brutal, cynical, and a very violent invasion of Ukraine in recent days. My heart is with the people whose lives and land are being torn apart. The images on our screens during the week bring home once again the horror and injustice of war, and evoke compassion and solidarity with the people of Ukraine, as well as with the many Ukrainians who have made Ireland their home.

What can we do in the face of such unwarranted, dehumanizing, and immoral aggression? First, this aggression and violence cannot be accepted: there must be an outright and radical rejection of such a way of being present and asserting oneself in the world. As we know from our own history on this island, the way of peace has to be one of dialogue, dignity, and respect. Nothing else stands the test of time; nothing else endures (see 1Cor 13:7).

Second: we need to take seriously that this conflict is not just a terrible war in a country far away, but concerns us in many ways, by (1) changing the way we perceive and relate with other countries in Europe, by (2) limiting the possibilities of trade and commerce, and—most importantly—(3) by recognizing all affected by this war as our sisters and brothers. Our Saviour calls us to be like our Father in heaven—to be compassionate as our Heavenly Father is compassionate. This surely is the hour of compassion.

Third: by following our Lord on the road of peace and true freedom, by rejecting any response forced upon us by aggression: “treat others as you would like them to treat you” (Luke 6:31) is still the way to life—not just for followers of Jesus, but for all people. The rule of law and the need for a stable international system must command the support of all right-thinking people. Change and transformation “cannot happen by breeding discontent ... or coercing people into a new way of life.” (Eric Hoffer). They are the gift of those who know how to kindle and fan generous hope that is founded on making a reality the *sharing* of our common home.

It is in this spirit and in communion with Pope Francis I invite everyone “to make, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day.”

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