

For Peace in Ukraine

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 and 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.

Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

Gracious Father, we pray for peace in the Ukraine;

for national leaders that they may have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right;

for those who are working to improve international relationships, that they may find the true way of reconciliation;

for those who are suffering as a result of war:

the injured and disabled,
the mentally distressed,
the homeless and hungry,
those who mourn their dead,
and especially those who are
without hope or friend to sustain
them in their grief.

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God of history, witness of the struggles within families; we pray for the divided family of Ukraine.

As brother fights against brother, and sister rejects sister, we pray for those whose love of neighbour has been destroyed by enmity.

May fear be submerged in compassion, may distrust be diluted by hope, as a vision of peace illuminates darkened minds and hate-filled hearts.

God bless this world and, particularly Ukraine,

bless the people, guide their future, give us all your peace.

God forgive those who cause war, those who benefit from war.

God bless those who fear war,

those who are killed in war,

those who are harmed by war,

those who are bereaved by war,

those who build and heal after war,

those who live their lives that wars may cease.

For refugees

We pray, Lord, for all those who have been forced to leave home and country.

We pray that as many as possible may find a new home, work that satisfies them and a country they can love.

And for those who remain in refugee camps, we pray that there may yet be hope of a new and worthwhile life.

Caryl Micklem

Have mercy, O Lord our God, on those whom war and oppression have robbed of homes and friends, and all those who try to help them. Grant that where human love has failed, the divine compassion may heal.

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;

look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;

and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and peace.