

Call to Prayer for Ukraine

PCPC members may not fully realize the extent of our relationships in Ukraine. Tens of our members have served on mission trips in Kyiv and Odesa. Through the early 2000s, we were blessed to partner in planting Big City Church in Kyiv, Ukraine's capital city. Big City Church, a young, growing, and outward-facing congregation, is fully particularized and self-sufficient. They are facing the reality that their city will likely be part of Russia by tomorrow morning. PCPC also supports families serving in Lviv, Ukraine, and even across the border, based in the invading nation.

Our denominational missions organization, Mission to the World, has 19 missionary units in Ukraine (35+ people). Those on the eastern side of Ukraine, based in Kyiv and Odesa, evacuated to Romania a few days ago. They are working with churches in Romania to receive refugees. Those on the western side of Ukraine, Lviv especially, are mobilizing resources to receive thousands of refugees in the coming days. There are already hundreds of displaced people there from smaller incursions over the past years.

Many might wonder why church planting is important. Among many, many reasons, church planting is important for such a time as this. Since the fall of communism, many hundreds of new churches have been started throughout Ukraine, and those new churches stand ready to live and proclaim the love, justice, and mercy of God in the midst of deep fear and suffering. It is for those churches that we call PCPC to pray.

How you can pray right now:

Pray that Putin's plans are thwarted along with anyone seeking to do evil.

Pray that the Ukrainian church fixes their eyes on the King and that they are emboldened to demonstrate the Gospel in caring for those most in need

Pray for the missionary families to have peace amidst this evil storm.

Pray for national and international leaders to uphold righteousness and suppress evil.

Pray for missionary kids to grow in faith, wisdom, and peace in this war.

Pray for Divine protection as people literally flee to outrun troops entering Ukraine. Churches continue to mobilize and make sure people have rides and gas to evacuate.

Pray for Divine intervention as people struggle to get to safety amid gas rationing. The extent of the invasion has taken Ukrainians by surprise.

Pray for Divine provision as families are not allowed to take more than \$80 from their bank accounts.

Pray for Divine strength for those working throughout the day and night to prepare for refugees.

Pray for Divine wisdom as church leaders wake up to realize the freedom to practice their faith has now changed in unknown ways.

Pray for our global workers, The Shepherds, based in Lviv as they organize the efforts to receive refugees and lead their young churches in that city to face this crisis.

Pray specifically for an MTW global worker who is leading people out of Kyiv to Lviv as you read this.

Pray for M. Shepherd and the women of the churches that are seeking to care for their families and others amid uncertainty.

Pray for our church in Lviv and Krakow to help with the tens of thousands of Ukrainians fleeing. Some are coming to Lviv while others line up at the border which is 60 miles to the west. The crisis team of our small church needs prayer as this situation intensifies.

Pray for wisdom for the Ukraine leaders and military.

Pray for pastors who stayed behind in the cities. They are preparing for the worst persecution if the government falls.

Pray for the Church – that they are wise, full of faith and peace, are able to care for many.

Pray for our Ukrainian men aged 18–60 who can't leave the country and might be called into military service. Families are getting separated as the women leave and men stay behind.

For ways to Pray, Go, and Give please visit <https://mtw.org/ukraine-crisis>.

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Call to Prayer

Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

John 14:27

Confession of Faith

What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth"?

That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father for the sake of Christ His Son.

I trust God so much that I do not doubt He will provide whatever I need for body and soul and will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends upon me in this vale of tears.

He is able to do this because He is almighty God; He desires to do this because He is faithful Father.

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus,
You wept over the sins of Your city.
On our city and nation, on Ukraine and Russia: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, You heal the wounds of sin and division, jealousy and bitterness.
On us: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, You bring pardon and peace to the sinner.

Grant us peace: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Psalm Reading

Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether
who seek to snatch away my life;
let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who delight in my hurt!
Let those be appalled because of their shame
who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"
But may all who seek You
rejoice and be glad in You;
may those who love Your salvation
say continually,
"Great is the LORD!"
As for me, I am poor and needy,
but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
do not delay, O my God!

Psalm 40:14-17

Gospel Reading

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

Matthew 5:9

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, ‘Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.’”

Matthew 5:43-48

Prayer of Intercession

Pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

Pray for the Church in Ukraine and Russia.

Pray for world leaders.

Collect

*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 tranquility 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 forever.*

Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.*