

30 Prayers for Ukraine

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God, please cause confusion in the Russian ranks. Let chaos reign and make their best-laid plans fall apart. You are Jehovah Sabaoth—Lord of heaven’s armies—and nothing is impossible for You. In Jesus’ name, amen.

God, please surround the soldiers with a shield of protection. Cause bullets to bounce off and shells to miss their mark. Alert them to danger even before it’s within sight. Do miracles on their behalf so they will recognize Your presence and give You the glory for victory accomplished. In Jesus’ name, amen.

God, fill Your children in Ukraine and Russia with a supernatural sense of Your presence and peace. Remind them of Psalm 16:8—“I know the LORD is always with me, I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.” In Jesus’ name, amen.

God, make a way of escape for the stranded in Mariupol and other cities under siege. Psalm 77:19 says, ‘Your road led through the sea, your pathway through the mighty waters—a pathway no one knew was there!’ Make a way, Lord. In Jesus’ name, amen.

God, comfort the children and teens. Heal the effects of trauma. Wipe their tears and cleanse their minds from scenes no one should see. Cradle them. Carry them close to Your heart. In Jesus’ name, amen.

God, humble the proud who have exalted themselves against You and truth. Bring justice to those committing injustices. Rise up and show Yourself as the God who avenges wrong. Act according to Psalm 45:4 – “In your majesty, ride out to victory, defending truth, humility, and justice. Go forth to perform awe-inspiring deeds!” In Jesus’ name, amen.

God, look on the plight of children and adults with special needs and those who care for them. Give them extraordinary strength for each day, and help them sleep in peace at night. Blind the eyes of hostile forces so they cannot see the buildings where these precious ones are hiding. In Jesus’ name, amen.

God, You understand the emotions felt by people in this crisis: shock, denial, fear, anger, survival guilt, and feelings of betrayal by those who chose a different response. Please address and heal their deepest hurts through the power of Your name—Jehovah Rapha—the one who heals. In Jesus’ name, amen.

God, give supernatural strength to all who are transporting, feeding, and arranging housing for the refugees. Supply the finances necessary to cover these expenses. Provide volunteers who will take these newcomers to appointments needed to process paperwork, find employment, receive medical treatment, and more. In Jesus’ name, amen.

God, defeat the plans of those seeking to traffic refugees, and protect the vulnerable from this danger. "Fierce enemies are out there waiting, Lord, and these refugees have not sinned or offended them. They have done nothing wrong, yet the traffickers prepare to attack them. Wake up! See what is happening and help them." (Psalm 59:3-4) In Jesus' name, amen.

God, we hear reports that many Russian soldiers have been deceived into fighting this war. Deliver them from evil. Bring the hope of the Gospel into their lives and turn them into soldiers who will fight for truth. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, keep supply chains running so people's needs can be met. Provide safe passage for those delivering food, water, and other supplies. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, protect the women who are pregnant and delivering their babies in crisis. Provide them with proper nutrition and medical care. Keep them warm as they hunker down in cold bomb shelters and in subways. Grant them the peace only You can provide especially as many are separated from their husbands. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, some refugee minority groups are being treated unkindly. You see that they are not allowed to rest at rest stations or board trains or buses. Please turn the hearts of the offenders to grant these folks compassion rather than rejection. Defend the underdog in Ukraine and in their new countries of residence. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, we pray in the power of Your name, Jehovah Sabaoth—crush the enemy's attempts to crush Mariupol and other cities and villages. Thwart their efforts. Make all their endeavors prove fruitless. At the same time, strengthen the organizations and individuals who are serving in Your name in those areas. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, reveal the truth about the war to Russian citizens and give them the courage to stand for what's right. Protect those who have been detained or who have vanished for protesting. Free them and bring them home to their families. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, show Yourself to be the God who restores, supports, and strengthens. (1 Peter 5:10) Provide opportunities for Your people to pray together and encourage one another. Help the refugees to find a church home in their new location and be warmly welcomed there. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, some who have chosen to seek safe refuge in other countries are now experiencing survivor's guilt. They feel badly for leaving husbands, senior parents, and friends behind. Please meet them today at their deepest point of emotional need and grant them peace. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, we trust that You are doing something incredible behind-the-scenes through this war—eternal purposes we cannot see or understand now. When Your children begin to question Your presence and purposes through this horrific event, please renew their hope and inner strength and remind them that an eternal glory lies ahead. (2 Corinthians 4:16-17) In Jesus' name, amen.

God, send Your angels to protect the people of Ukraine today. Be their refuge and place of safety. Cover them with Your feathers and shelter them with Your wings. Make Your promises to be their armor and protection. Do not let evil touch them. Answer them when they call on You. (Psalm 91) In Jesus' name, amen.

God, the fight is not only against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces. Please help Your children who remain in Ukraine not to grow angry or bitter toward those who chose to leave. And guard the hearts of those who left from anger towards those who refused to go with them. Defeat Satan's intent to cause division within Your family. Safeguard unity among Your children. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, many refugees don't know where their loved ones are now. They wonder whether they're still alive, have been taken against their will, or have died in attacks. Please have compassion on them and give them answers to their questions. Give them peace. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, please give renewed courage to pastors as they try to lead their congregations. Bless them with wisdom, compassion, and inexplicable joy as they shepherd their sheep and others in the community. Give them Your wisdom when they wrestle with wondering whether they should stay to lead their congregation or leave for their family's safety sake. Use this experience to grow their understanding of who You are in amazing ways. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, send angels to protect the war's tiniest victims—premature babies. Please work miracles on their behalf and strengthen their wee bodies. Protect them and their healthcare providers who cannot leave them unattended when sirens sound to seek safety in bunkers. Keep their mothers safe, too. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, do the seeming impossible and bring Ukraine and Russia's leaders to a place of agreement in negotiations. You turn the heart of a king like a river, so do that with the two presidents and other leaders involved in these discussions. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, so many Russian and Ukrainian women have lost their husbands and sons. So many children have lost their fathers. You are the God of all comfort, so please show compassion to those who grieve. Be the husband to the widows and father to the fatherless and the orphans. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, people are exhausted from lack of proper sleep for an extended time. Please give supernatural restoration even though nights are broken and a restful sleep is impossible. When they lie down, help them train their minds to focus on Your promises and not their fears. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, help us remember the tens of thousands of troops from other countries who are now situated in Europe. This is a stressful time for them and their families back home. Protect them as they train, and guard their hearts and minds from fear. Keep those who follow You strong and courageous that they might reflect Your hope to those who don't know You yet. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, give much needed wisdom to world leaders as they hold discussions. May they realize their weakness and inadequacy to resolve this situation in human strength. May they admit their need for You and seek Your face. In Jesus' name, amen.

God, use this war to spread the Gospel far and wide. Give the believers in Ukraine a holy boldness to share the Good News with those around them, and cause their words to fall on hearts that are ready to receive it. Expand Your kingdom as never before in history. Turn what Satan means for evil into something of eternal beauty. In Jesus' name, amen.

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