

PRAYER III

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 or 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.
Amen.

Church of England Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury
Justin Welby

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Prayer for Ukraine and for
Peace for the World

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PRAYER I

O God of love, we pray for the people of Ukraine,
the frail and the elderly,
the women and children who are left alone,
grieving families with loved ones who have fallen,
and the multitudes who have lost everything.

O God of peace, how we long that violence will
cease,
that the machines of war,
will be transformed into implements of peace.
Be with the leaders of this world,
that their decisions will be keenly oriented
towards a just and lasting peace.

O God of compassion, open our hearts,
to care for the refugees who may come to our shores
and the needy stranger in our midst.
For Christ's sake. Amen.

*The Rev. Dr. Das Sydney, President,
The Canadian Council of Churches*

PRAYER II

O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God,
who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and
compassion on Your humble servants, and out of love for
mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of
Ukraine.

Visit Your mercies and compassions upon Your humble
servants, those who defend Ukraine and her much-
suffering people, and hear us who fall down before Your
deep compassion.

For You are the health and victory and salvation of them
that put their hope in You, and unto You do we send up
glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Adapted from the **Byzantine liturgical tradition** ("Prayer Service Sung in
Times of War," in Trebnyk, Book of Needs)*

