

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace,

Your prophet Isaiah promised swords would be turned into ploughshares,
and your Son's mother Mary proclaimed the mighty would be put down
and the humble exalted.

Visit the people of Ukraine:

Deliver them from fear, violence, attack, injury, destruction and death;
And give them courage, solidarity, and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.

Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion.

Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict, restore order, and pursue justice.

And make this moment of peril an occasion for your Holy Spirit to show your world
the cost of conflict, and our dependence on one another.

In Christ our Lord who went to his death because of our hatred,
and rose again because our hatred is never stronger than your indomitable love.

Amen.

(Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.)