

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

O Lord our God, You are the one God above in Heaven and on earth below. You rule all states and peoples. In Your hand is strength and power, and no one can oppose You. Lord, we do not have the strength and force to fight the many enemies that are coming against us and we do not know what to do. Wherefore we turn and raise our eyes only to You - because You are our only help - You alone can give victory, in things both small and large. Help us, O Lord, our God, for we hope only in Your Holy Name. Help our army that is fighting against our enemies. Lord, you are our God, let no man rise up against you.

Lord God of hosts, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Holy One of Israel, God of Christians, who is seated upon the cherubim, You are the Only God and King of the whole world, You created heaven and earth. Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear us; open Your eyes, and look on the pride of our enemies, and their ungodly and lawless blasphemy, that they raise against. You, O true and living God in the Holy Trinity who is worshiped and glorified in Your Holy Church, and as One most gracious, deliver us from their hands, that all the nations of the earth may know that You are the Lord, the One God.

Blessed are you, Saviour and Redeemer of Your people, who overthrew the intentions of the mighty hand of Your servant David, who delivered the regiments of strangers into the hands of Jonathan the son of Saul and his armor-bearer. We beseech You, we who are contrite in heart and humbled in spirit: Deliver our enemies, into the hands of Your Christ-loving people, and let the enemy soldiers be ashamed. Send fear and dread upon our enemies, and melt down the strongholds of their forces, and let them be shaken and destroyed. And cast them away and destroy them with the weapons of those who love You. Therefore You will be praised with the song of all who know You and know of Your power. God, our God, You are the only one who works wonders. You allow the defeat of enemies by those who are not strong in arms, but as You please. Just as You, O Lord, once sent Your Angel, in the days of Hezekiah, King of the Jews, and He destroyed the soldiers of Sennacherib, one hundred and eighty-five thousand, so now, O Heavenly Lord, may Your good Angel go before our soldiers, with the trembling of your strength, that our enemies who come upon us, your people, may be frightened and destroyed and flee from us. Put them to flight, and let them be subdued at the feet of Your faithful ones. For You are the fortress and the stronghold, and the victory of the faithful, who hope in You, and to You we give glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever and for the ages of ages. Amen.

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Almighty and Great God, accept our gratitude for your boundless mercy towards us. Hear the supplication of our afflicted hearts for the land and people of Ukraine, as they confront foreign aggression and invasion. Open the eyes of those who have been overtaken by a spirit of deception and violence, that they be horrified by their works. Grant victory over the powers of evil that have arisen and bless Ukraine with your gifts of liberty, peace, tranquillity, and good fortune.

We implore you, O Merciful God, look with grace upon those who courageously defend their land. Remember the mothers and fathers, the innocent children, widows and orphans, the disabled and helpless, those seeking shelter and refuge, who reach out to you and to their fellow human beings looking for mercy and compassion.

Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity, and those who prepare to receive their Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Ukraine's greatest time of need. Bring us together as your children, your creation, and instil in us your strength, wisdom and understanding. May you be praised and glorified, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.