

Together in prayer:

Prayer resources for your church

Three years on from Russia's invasion in February 2022, war still rages on in Ukraine. Use these prayer points and Bible verses to keep Ukraine in your prayers.

Pray for the people of Ukraine

In the face of war, we must remember that it's so often civilians who suffer the most. Many people fled the fighting in the initial weeks of the war, and many are now displaced around the world and internally across Ukraine. They've had to suffer through seeing their homes destroyed, potentially even losing loved ones in the fighting, and now they have to somehow live a normal life in a new place while war still rages on.

How to keep praying:

"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God." **Leviticus 19: 34**

Father God, we lift up the ordinary people of Ukraine who are still so terribly affected by this war. Thank you for lifting up those across the world who are opening their arms to people who've fled their homes. We pray that people will still receive the welcome they deserve, even three years on from the start of the war. Please make it so that those who have fled will be able to find safety and normality again. *Amen.*

Pray for BMS Partners

Over the last three years, your support has reached churches on the ground through our partners the Ukrainian Baptist Union and the European Baptist Federation. And, despite the conflict, these communities are thriving.

Churches are reaching out to internally displaced communities to help people in need – and they've seen God moving in amazing ways. Miraculously, over 10,000 Ukrainians have been baptised over the last three years, and 86 new Baptist churches have been founded.

How to keep praying:

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." **John 16: 33**

Father God, we pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Thank you that you're still moving powerfully in this nation so that people are finding the hope of your gospel in spite of the



ongoing war. Please keep strengthening all those who find courage and hope in you. We pray too for the churches and BMS World Mission partners continuing to respond to the war. Please give them the strength and resources to keep helping people in desperate need, and may they turn to you in all challenges. *Amen.*

Pray for world leaders

You will have likely seen in the news the heightened tensions among global leaders surrounding the Ukraine war and discussions around how to bring about a ceasefire. In this time of tension, it's more important than ever that global leaders exhibit God's peace, love and mercy.

How to keep praying:

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Matthew 5: 7-9

Father God, we lift up the leaders of Ukraine and Russia. We pray that they will turn to you and know your overwhelming love. We pray for wisdom for all those working towards a ceasefire: let voices of peace be heard and just solutions for the end of this war become possible. Above all we pray for justice, a laying down of arms and for your peace to reign forever in this region. *Amen.*