

NIC Prayers for Ukraine Service

March 23, 2022, 5-6pm

*Note – Video runtime notations are in [], in the format HH:MM:SS for Hours, Minutes, Seconds

Opening Remarks

Rev. Ayla Samson

Introduce Self and state reason for gathering

Call to Action (Read Social Principals para. 164)

We believe war is incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ. We therefore reject war as an instrument of national foreign policy. We oppose unilateral first/preemptive strike actions and strategies on the part of any government. As disciples of Christ, we are called to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict... We believe that human values must outweigh military claims as governments determine their priorities; that the militarization of society must be challenged and stopped; that the manufacture, sale, and deployment of armaments must be reduced and controlled; and that the production, possession, or use of nuclear weapons be condemned.

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God's Prophetic Word Isaiah 2:2-5

Rev. Ayla Samson

Hymn "O Day Of God Draw Nigh"

Rev. Jarrod Severing

[00:01:59] The United Methodist Hymnal #730

Author: R. B. Y. Scott, 1937 Tune: Genevan Psalter, 1551; arr. William Crotch, 1836
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Video **Rev. Oleg Starodubets, DS of Central Asia UMC of Ukraine & Rev. Dr. Yulia Starodubets, Ordained UMC Pastor & MD**

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Introduction of Speaker 1 1st Prayers

**Rev. Ayla Samson
Bishop Hopkins**

Pray for Peace in Ukraine and an end to the war

Possibly use phrases of Psalm 46 for responses to Confession and Supplication

Silent Prayer { [00:01:00] *Soft Music to play during silent prayer* }

Proceed when music ends

Words of Assurance Psalm 46:1-3

Bishop Hopkins

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Introduction of Speaker 2

Rev. Ayla Samson

2nd Prayers

Rev. Doctor Norval I. Brown

Pray for the many people whose lives have been impacted by this crisis

Safety, Shelter and Protection

Healing for Wounded and Grieving

Refugees and Displaced Persons

Soldiers and Emergency Services Personnel on the frontlines

Adverse Economic and Infrastructure Effect on Ukrainians, Russians and others

Silent Prayer *{[00:01:00] Soft Music to play during silent prayer}*

Proceed when music ends

Words of Promise Psalm 46:4-7

Rev. Doctor Norval I. Brown

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Introduction of Speaker 3

Rev. Ayla Samson

3rd Prayers

Lillian Wertheim

Pray for world leaders and those who are striving for peace in Ukraine

Petition for God's intervention in talks that peace be proposed and

accepted Ask that Wisdom and Discernment be given to world leaders in

peace talks Pray for supernatural assistance for diplomats and

peacemakers

Silent Prayer *{[00:01:00] Soft Music to play during silent prayer}*

Proceed when music ends

Words of Promise Psalm 46:8-9

Lillian Wertheim

Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

Hymn "O God of Love, O God of Peace"

Rev. Jarrod Severing

[01:39]

The New Century Hymnal #571

Author: H.W. Baker (1861) Tune: QUEBEC Composer: Henry Baker (1854)

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1 O God of love, O God of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of sinful man restrain; Give peace, O God, give peace again!

2 Remember, God, your works of old, the wonders that our people told;
Heal every malice, harm, and pain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!

3 Whom shall we trust, O God, but you? For you are constant, strong, and true.

None ever called on you in vain; Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Proceed when music ends

Closing Remarks

Rev. Caleb Hong

Resource Guide

Invite all to be intentional about praying for Ukraine locally

Follow-up to this event

*Join the NIC Prayer Network monthly prayer meeting
(contact: Karen Bonnell)*

Share prayers others may use for NIC Discipleship Prayer Network page

Thank all Involved in Service (Mention Hymn Leader Rev. Jarrod Severing)

Closing Prayer

Invite Bishop Hopkins to give the Benediction

Benediction Psalm 46:10-11

Bishop Hopkins

He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

will be exalted in the earth.' The Lord Almighty is with us;