

In February, when war in Ukraine began, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York wrote a prayer for the country and its people:

### **A Prayer for Ukraine**

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

*Archbishop Justin Welby*

*Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

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### **Prayer for the Peace of the World**

Almighty God,

from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:

kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace

and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom

those who take counsel for the nations of the earth

that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,

till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

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## Churches in UK and Ireland hold day of prayer for Ukraine

On Sunday 3 April 2022, Churches Together in England (along with partners Christian Aid and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland) is inviting churches to join together in an act of witness to pray and light candles for Ukraine, for an end to the conflict and for all those affected by the terrible impact of war.

As well as individual churches incorporating special prayers into services, there will be public acts of witness at 2pm in towns and cities, organised by [Christian Aid](#) and [Churches Together in Britain and Ireland](#) (CTBI)

You can join in by:

- Reading out one of the Church of England prayers for Ukraine in your service on 3 April
- Organising a visible act of witness with other local churches at 2pm



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