

Prayer for a just peace in Ukraine (24.02.2026)

God of justice and mercy,
Lord of history and Master of Peace,
we lift up our prayer to You for Ukraine,
a wounded but dignified land,
a people tested but still standing despite the difficulties.

The Primate of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Sv. Chevtchouk, reminds us:
Ukraine fights, Ukraine prays, Ukraine stands.
In this struggle, it seeks justice;
in this prayer, it hopes in Your faithfulness;
and in this perseverance, it confesses that You are the Sovereign of history.

Lord, You see the destroyed cities,
the separated families,
the children marked by fear,
and You hear the cry of those who call upon Your Name.

We ask You not for a superficial peace,
nor a mere silence of arms,
but in the spirit of Archbishop Luc Terlinden's appeal,
we pray for a just Peace.
We pray for the true Peace of Christ,
founded on Truth,
protected by Law,
and respectful of the sovereignty and dignity of every people, small and great.
In line with Pope Francis's constant appeals
not to forget the suffering of Ukraine
and to reject the habit of war,
revive in us compassion and concrete solidarity.

Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich invites Europe and the world
to assume their moral responsibility.
Give us, Lord, this moral courage,
a courage that does not resign itself in the face of aggression,
that does not confuse neutrality with indifference,
and that knows how to defend human dignity with clarity and firmness.

Pope Leo emphasises that no peace of Christ
can come from a compromise with injustice.
Lord, grant those responsible for nations
clarity in the face of Truth,
firmness in Justice,
and humility in the face of the Common Good.

Convert hardened hearts,
disarm the logic of domination and manipulation,
and let the force of law triumph
over the violence of weapons.

Comfort those who have lost loved ones,
support those who defend life and freedom,
heal the invisible wounds of an entire generation,
and protect those who are forced into exile.

Make Your Church
a credible sign of Communion,
a prophetic Voice for Your Justice,
and a faithful presence alongside the most vulnerable.
May Your Holy Spirit
open paths where everything seems closed,
raise up architects of just Peace,
and make hope sprout in the heart of ruins.

We entrust to You Ukraine, Europe and the whole world,
our future, freedom and the reconstruction of humanity.
May the light of the Risen One be stronger than the night of war,
and may a just, lasting and dignified peace finally be born.

Amen.