PRAY FOR UKRAINE UPDATED 2/28/22

Ukraine became a sovereign state in 1991, after the fall of the Soviet Union. Geographically, Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe, and has a rich history wrought with struggles to defend its autonomy. On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a full-scale military operation into Ukraine, after recognizing the breakaway territories in the east as part of Russia. With diplomatic ties officially severed, this is now a full-scale crisis between Ukraine and Russia. As Ukraine continues to repel ground and air attacks, the number of military and civilian deaths is still unknown but will continue to rise. Families are being torn apart, as refugees flee the cities and flood into neighboring countries. All Ukrainian men ages 18-60 are prohibited from leaving in order to help defend their nation.

The church in Ukraine is familiar with suffering. Until gaining independence in 1991, Christians in Ukraine suffered great persecution under Communism and millions died for their faith in Christ (Operation World), which produced tremendous growth in the Ukrainian church in the last 30 years. It is with this rich legacy that the church today is standing strong in the face of this new persecution; may the Lord continue to give wisdom, courage and perseverance to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. May they stand firm in the gospel. May they be strengthened by the prayers of fellow believers around the world, interceding on their behalf.

PRAY

- That God would unite the church, across all sides of conflict, so that the name of Jesus is proclaimed and as a witness to the watching world of the unity found only in Christ
- That God would encourage and direct pastors and Christians in Ukraine to demonstrate
 His love and care for those all around them
- That God would provide locals churches in Ukraine the resources to help meet emergency needs
- · That God would raise many dead souls to life in Christ through this conflict
- That God would preserve lives during this conflict
- That God would give wisdom to world leaders involved
- That God would bring peace between nations and a quick, just outcome
- That God would cause Russian pastors to faithfully follow Christ, to lead with brotherly love, compassion, patience, and unity
- That God would cause Russian brothers and sisters to respond in Christ-honoring ways to the conflict around them, and that they would be known by this love and a desire for Christ more than anything else

RESOURCES

There are many wonderful organizations and churches mobilizing to best serve Ukraine in their time of need, and below are just two examples of many.

- Send
- World Relief

GIVE

Through the Missions Fund, Global Outreach supports projects and partners around the world working in hardest areas, among the unreached, and in the midst of conflicts. We are continually evaluating difficult situations and discovering ways to appropriately help. Please help us! To give to the Missions Fund <u>click here</u>.