

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

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Christ of Peace,

The first words you spoke to your disciples
after your resurrection were "Peace be with you.
With us and with all of creation, groaning for peace,
we implore your mercy and forgiveness
as we listen to earth lamenting and people crying,
made poor by humanity's acts of aggression.
As your disciples of peace and nonviolence,
May our first words be
at this time of war in the Ukraine:
"Peace be with you."

Peace be with you, people of Ukraine,
whose suffering is our suffering,
whose cries unite with our cries for peace.

Peace be with you, leaders of countries,
whose use of force and aggression
be transformed into justice that is restorative.

Peace be with you, protestors in the streets of Russia,
whose courage puts you at risk of your lives,
inspire us to stand up for nonviolence.

Peace be with each one of us,
that as we cry with our Ukrainian kin,
we may be moved to proclaim,
"No more war, War never again."

Come, Christ of Peace, be with us!