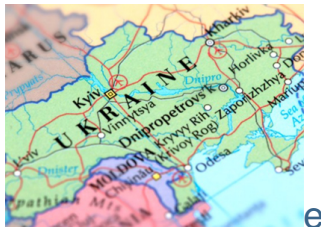


A Prayer for Ukraine



A prayer for Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy.

Amen



March/Lent 2022

Lent - Taking Stock of where we are

In Lent we take time to examine where we are in our Christian life ,

What we need to continue

What we need to leave behind

What we may need to develop.

We may get some surprises if we are honest with ourselves.

It may be that nothing needs to change.

It may be that we're trying to do too much.

If either of these is true, don't be afraid of either.

God starts from where we are and guides our journey from there.

Prayer in Luke's gospel



This lectionary year is the year when we concentrate on Luke's gospel .

Jesus is shown in Luke as a praying Messiah. Jesus not only teaches about prayer in several unique parables, but Jesus is seen praying in Luke more than all three other Gospels combined, beginning with His baptism in 3:21.

Jesus was praying after His baptism when the heavens opened (3:21).

Jesus withdrew to the wilderness and prayed (5:16).

The parallel in Mark has Jesus Jesus spent all night on the hills in prayer before He chose the Twelve (6:12-16).

Jesus was praying alone when He asked the disciples "Who do the people say I am?" (9:18-22).

Eight days later He took Peter, James and John and went up on the mountain to pray (9:28) and while praying He was transfigured (9:29).

Jesus prayed for Simon that his faith might not fail (22:32).

Only Luke tells us that Jesus prayed for His crucifiers (23:34) and committed His spirit into the hands of Father (23:46).

Luke also Records prayer as common activity done by the main characters in Acts as well You may want to carry on your search into Acts!