



## **A Prayer for Peace in our Times**

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Almighty God, Father of all mercy and source of every consolation, you who spoke peace to the storm and calmed the hearts of your disciples, look now with compassion upon all places of conflict. In particular we pray for our congregation at Christ Church Kyiv.

We pray that the leaders of all nations may be stirred by the Holy Spirit, and that peace may come to this World. We lift before you our community in Ukraine. We lift before you all who dream of safety, the elderly who long for rest, the mothers and fathers who carry both hope and grief. In the shadow of these ground realities and the weariness over the years, grant to every heart the gift of your deep and unshakable peace. It is peace that the people in this world yearn for.

Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, you who wept over Jerusalem and know the sorrow of every torn nation, gather Christ Church Kyiv - this small, faithful congregation that meet in your name, sharing bread and word, song and silence, even during these unsettled times. Bless all who serve and worship there: those who have stayed through with hope, those who have returned with courage, those scattered yet still bound to one another in love. Protect their gathering place, shelter their community, and let their witness shine as a quiet lamp of hope.

Holy Spirit, Comforter and Advocate, breathe reconciliation, soften hearts and guide the leaders of nations toward justice, wisdom, and peace. Turn swords into ploughshares, and teach us all the way of forgiveness, healing, and shared tomorrows.

O God of steadfast love, wrap us all in your mercy. Let your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard the hearts and minds of your people - and let it especially rest upon Christ Church Kyiv, Revd Kasta Dip, Revd. Yuriy Yurchyk, Christina Laschenko and Thamarai Pandian, that in their perseverance they may know your presence, and through them many may glimpse the coming kingdom where there is peace, where tears are wiped away, and every tribe and tongue can stand together before your throne.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

