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|  | prayer letter  ukraine | | | | |  | | |
|  | MAY | 2022 | | | | | |  | | |
|  |  | | | | | pray  For God to make the Russian army leave Ukraine and for peace in Ukraine and in Europe. | | |
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|  | pray  For those who are in need of food and shelter because they have been forced to leave their homes. And pray for those who have lost their jobs. | | |
|  | May Christ have mercy on us all | | | | |
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|  | We stand with the United Methodists in Ukraine in prayer for protection, reconciliation and peace. We pray for pastors, leaders and congregations in the United Methodist Church in Ukraine; may God grant that their witness of reconciliation and peace will bring strength and hope to the Ukrainian people. | | | We pray for the rebuilding of the houses of the thousands of civilians who have lost their homes and for the reconstruction of the infrastruc- ture and the cities after the war has ended.  We pray for the strength of the Methodist church ministry in current hot spots. May the church bring peace and reconciliation.  Bishop Christian Alsted | pray  For God to protect the soldiers, their families and all civilians in the hot spots of the war. | | |

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| The map shows the United Methodist congregations in Ukraine – there are 350 members (2017 numbers). The churches are strategically located in or in close proximity to the larger cities.  Currently the churches in the most western part of the country in L’viv and Uzhgorod work hard to offer hospitality to refugees, who have fled from other parts of the country and either wish to stay or to move on to another country. | | | |  | | | |
| As Christians we recognize the governments under whose protection we reside and believe such governments should be based on, and be responsible for, the recognition of human rights under God. We believe war and bloodshed are contrary to the gospel and spirit of Christ.  *The Doctrinal Standards of the United Methodist Church* | | | | | | |  | |
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| what to do….? | | | | |  | | |
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| 01 PRAY – prayer is active and it makes a real difference | |  | 02 GIVE – use the [**https://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450**](https://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450) | |
| 03 HOSPITALITY – be ready to receive refugees in your homes and churches | |  | 04 BE THE CHURCH – continue to engage in God’s mission | |