



## **PRAYER GUIDE FOR THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE**

### Background Facts

The Methodist Church is present in both Russia and Ukraine as well as in the countries bordering both Ukraine and Russia – Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

The Eurasia Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church includes churches in Belarus, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia and the Ukraine.

The Nordic and Baltic Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church includes churches bordering the Western edges of Russia: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Finland.

The Central and Southern Europe Central Conference of the United Methodist Church includes countries bordering the Western edges of Ukraine: Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

You can view a map of the region here: <https://bit.ly/3loflUX>

### Prayer Points

- Pray for the people of Ukraine, for their safety and protection from all harm and fear.
- Pray for an end to the military action and for those responsible around the world who have the power to end war.
- Stand with United Methodists in Ukraine in prayer for protection, reconciliation, and peace. Pray for pastors, leaders and congregations in the United Methodist Church in Ukraine; may God grant that their witness and ministry of hospitality, reconciliation and peace will bring strength and hope to the Ukrainian people.
- Pray for Bishop Eduard Khegay, bishop of both Russia and Ukraine, may God give him the wisdom and grace that he needs in his ministry and leadership under these challenging circumstances.
- Pray for the United Methodist Churches in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania as they engage in hospitality work for refugees.
- Pray for the churches in the Baltic countries who are feeling fearful because of their history.
- Pray that we as Methodists, Wesleyan and Uniting Churches may be able to stand together at this time.
- Pray for those who prepare to welcome refugees into their home. May be all be ready to provide this welcome.
- Pray that we will all be peacemakers, and for justice throughout the whole region.