



Gracious God, Prince of Peace,

enraged and stunned, we see how those in power endanger the freedom and lives of many people, how a war begins in Europe.

You see the need. You see our fear.

We have no power over life and death. We have no influence on the rulers of this world. We have no means against tanks and missiles. But we can call upon you, you, our God.

We come to you and ask for peace for the people of Ukraine for the men sent to war and all who fear for them.

We come to you and ask for peace for those who stand in the way of war, for the wounded and traumatized, for all in fear.

We come to you and ask for wisdom for all those who serve peace for the politically powerful in their decisions, for the people of influence in their speeches and writings, for the helpless, the homeless and the hopeless.

We come to you and ask you for unity for all who believe in you for your Church in Ukraine for Christians on both sides of the front for Bishop Eduard Khegay, who leads our United Methodist Church in Russia and Ukraine.

Aren't you the God of peace?! Have mercy! Oppose death. Put an end to violence. Protect the weak and guard the victims.

Aren't you the God of peace?! Grant peace!

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother. Amen.

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