**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, we pray for peace for Ukraine.**

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

**Lord have mercy.**

**Amen**