



Praying together

Introduction

A moment of silence and reflection

Song – Abba Father

Abba Father, Let Me Be
Yours And Yours Alone.
May My Will For Ever Be
Evermore Your Own.
Never Let My Heart Grow Cold,
Never Let Me Go.
Abba Father, Let Me Be
Yours And Yours Alone

Philippians 4 : 6

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

The Archbishops' prayer for Ukraine

**All : God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of
Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the
laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear
for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort
would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power
over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and
compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your**

precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Our prayers

We will offer our prayers in sections, allowing time for open prayer and also times of reflective silence

Leader: We pray for peace and reconciliation in Ukraine.

All: *Time of open prayer concerning the situation in Ukraine*

Leader: We pray for the rest of the world we live in.

All: *Time of open prayer concerning governments here in the UK and worldwide*

Leader: We pray for the village we live in.

All: *Time of open prayer concerning our village, the people who live here; our schools, our surgery, our shops, pubs and café*

Leader: We pray for the benefice we worship in

All: *Time of open prayer concerning our benefice including those who attend church, our clergy, the PCCs and all those who take responsibilities in our churches.*

Leader: We pray for our outreach and evangelism

All: *Time of open prayer concerning our witness in North Elmham and sharing the gospel with our neighbours, friends and families*

Leader: We pray for those we know who need our prayers at the current time

All: *Time of open prayer concerning those we know who are unwell, tackling adversity, grieving ...*

Leader: We close our prayers by saying together another prayer for the situation in Ukraine from the Methodist Church

All: **Holy and Gracious God**

We pray for the people of 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, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

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

Lord have mercy.

Amen