

## **'A Prayer for the Conflict in Ukraine' by Casey O'Brien Machado**

Lord,

Today as we gather in safety, we bring before you the parts of your world that are in conflict.

We pray for the safety of those who are fleeing their homes and those who are already displaced. Be their comfort, their hope and their security. We pray that neighbouring countries in Europe, and countries all around the world, would welcome and accept those who are fleeing out of necessity. God, move in the hearts and minds of governments. Turn their compassion into action.

We bring before you those who have lost loved ones, and those who are afraid that they may soon.

You see all those who are being separated from their families.

Be their very present peace that surpasses all understanding and reunite them safely.

We pray for the unwell, for the injured, for medical staff and doctors.

Bring your divine healing, and the energy that is needed to carry on your work.

We uplift soldiers from all countries, and civilians who may become them. Keep them safe, we ask.

We intercede for Salvationists in both Ukraine and Russia. Lord, move in their hearts undeniably. Be their comfort today, we pray. Help them to keep their eyes fixed on you in the midst of the chaos. Give them greater compassion for others, and for each other.

Stir deep within their hearts a love that only you can bring.

We pray for the work of The Salvation Army in both Ukraine and Russia during this time. Lord, let it continue as the need grows greater every day. Equip your people - supply them with what they need so that they may continue to practically show your love at this time. As they serve whilst they themselves are in danger, be their strength and their deliverer.

We pray for the de-escalation of battles. We long for the day when, as your Word describes, 'swords will be turned into ploughshares'.

May that promise be fulfilled today.

# Prayers about Global Conflicts



Lord, let the threat of loss of life no longer be a reality.

We pray that political leaders all around the world would find a way to dialogue with a peaceful resolution. Lord, give them wisdom, compassion and care for those they lead.

In the midst of the chaos in the world, help us to live up to our calling of being people of hope. Above all, we long for peace. God of justice and of love, we know that this is not your plan for your world - so we pray you would have your way. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.