

Ukraine Prayer Update – Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 – Day 53

Praise Reports

- **Success #1** - Ukrainian military in Joint Forces Operation zone repelled 10 Russian attacks today. 15 tanks, 3 pieces of artillery, 24 armoured vehicles destroyed. 4 Orlan-10 drone.
- **Success #2** - During the day on April 16, anti-aircraft missile units of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and the Joint Forces hit 13 flying objects of the Russian army. About it reported the command of the armed forces. Thus, one plane, one helicopter, five unmanned aerial vehicles and six cruise missiles were shot down in the sky over Ukraine. Air Force aviation – Su-25 attack aircraft and Su-24M bombers under the guise of fighters – provided fire support to Ukrainian troops in several strategic directions, inflicting powerful missile and bomb strikes on the Russian occupiers. As reported, on the eve of the Donbass, Ukrainian fighters shot down four Russian Orlan-10 drones and two cruise missiles.
- **Truth Revealed #1** - Ukrainian intelligence officials claim to have intercepted a call in which a Russian soldier says Vladimir Putin's troops are shooting their own people in Moscow.
- **Truth Revealed #2** - Russian Navy - Russia's Defense Ministry released a brief video on Saturday of the head of the Navy meeting with crew members of the sunken warship Moskva, as social media posts have surfaced that appear to confirm at least one death on board. In a 26-second video—the first public appearance of the crew since Moscow admitted the country's most powerful battleship had sunk—Admiral Nikolai Yevmenov is seen meeting with crew members in Sevastopol. About 100 sailors can be seen, although at least 500 were on board at the time the ship went down after Ukrainian officials said they successfully struck it with at least one Neptune missile.
- **Truth Revealed #3** - Austria - Chancellor Karl Nehammer, who met with Vladimir Putin this past week in Moscow — the first European leader to do so since the invasion began Feb. 24 — said the Russian president is “in his own war logic” on Ukraine. In an interview on NBC's “Meet the Press,” Nehammer said he thinks Putin believes

he is winning the war and “we have to look in his eyes and we have to confront him with that, what we see in Ukraine.”

- **EU #1** - A forthcoming sixth round of EU sanctions on Russia will target oil and banks, in particular Sberbank, the head of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, has told German newspaper Bild am Sonntag. The EU has so far spared Sberbank because it, along with Gazprombank, is one of the main channels for payments for Russian oil and gas.
- **EU #2** - The president of the European Commission has urged member states to supply Ukraine with weapons systems “quickly” and suggested that a next round of EU sanctions could target Russia's powerful Sberbank and include an embargo on Russian oil. “It applies to all member states: those who can should deliver quickly, because only that way Ukraine can survive in its acute defensive battle against Russia,” Ursula von der Leyen told Germany's Bild am Sonntag newspaper. Several European nations appear to be vacillating over the export of heavy weapons such as tanks or fighter jets, amid concerns that such a move could formally escalate the war in Ukraine into a direct conflict between Russia and Nato member states.

Pray Points - Latest

- **Evacuations** – The number of people evacuated from Ukrainian cities through humanitarian corridors dropped significantly on Saturday from the day before. A total of 1,449 people were evacuated, fewer than the 2,864 who escaped on Friday. And no evacuations routes have been approved by Russia for today. Donbas mayors estimate that about 70% of the population has fled since the Russia invasion began in February. As an example of the relative success of evacuations, Kramatorsk is all but a ghost town. But it doesn't mean people have left the region, as many simply fled to the villages where they hope they'll be safer.
- **Mariupol** – Russia declared a 3am deadline for all people to surrender which has come and gone. They are claiming they have cleaned out all the urban areas and reports are the women are sent

to deported to Russia while the men are sent to labor camps. Some units have surrendered, Russia is claiming one of the two last bastions, the Ilyich Steelworks and that the port has been taken, and the people and military in Mariupol are encircled, but to be clear, this does not change the basic situation of the past 40 days, as the 100,000 are still trapped and the Ukrainian military fights on. Even if only Avostal Steelworks remains in Ukrainians hands, it is unbelievably large and strong enough to withstand a nuclear blast. Over 20,000 have died and over 90% of the city's infrastructure has been destroyed. Pray for supernatural provision, resource multiplication, protection and wisdom for the 100,000 remaining and for the forces fighting for them. Zelensky has stated that if Russia "eliminates" Mariupol, negotiations are finished.

- **Kharkiv** – shelling continues and actually intensifies.
- **Kiev** – as a another clear act of retaliation for the sinking of Moskva and to demonstrate the ability of Russia to hit Kiev, Russia attacked a military hardware factory in Brovary, a part of Kiev to the east, knocking out water, gas and electricity for a section of that part of the city
- **Russian Military** – continuing to probe, today moving toward closer to Zaparozhiye.
- **West** – pray that the pressure would continue to mount on western leaders to ban oil and gas imports and to continue to increase meaningful heavy arms donations.
- **Russia** – pray that the emotional need to make a huge statement and reaction to the sinking of Moskva will lead to Russia moving prematurely and without adequate preparation and coordination and thereby dooming their own assault. Or to make a move that so steels international resolve that it makes supporting Russia impossible even for China and India.
- **Evacuations** – pray for all who can and should flee to be able to and to be protected and provided for on the way.
- **Russian Mobilization** – Russian is attempting to mobilize 70,000 from occupied Donbas and the Wagner Group is still attempting to get their 40,000 troops from Syria, while additional 135,000 new troops have been in Russia. Massive

amounts of equipment are streaming from all points of Russia and even from Iran and Iraq

- **False Flag** – Russia claiming artillery attacks in Bryansk
- **Belarus** - Secretary of security council of Belarus warns of provocations from Ukraine to get Belarus involved in the war
- **Russia** - declares that any attacks within Russia will result in them attacking Kiev HQ buildings
- **Russian People** – pray they understand the Truth and reject the lies they've been told and rise up
- **US** – pray that Lend/Lease gets fast-tracked and raise on the House floor and approved **today**
- **Air Raids** – the entire country experienced air raid warnings over the past 24 hours to a level never seen in the entire invasion both as intimidation but also for recon in preparation for the coming assault.
- **China** – has doubled down and the Russian propaganda and refused to admit the atrocities were committed by Russia or any other point
- **France** – Macron is in a political fight for his life in his election campaign and therefore backing off of joining with US' Biden and Canada Trudeau in calling Russia's crimes genocide, because Russians and Ukrainians are "brotherly people."

Pray Points - Continued

- **Ukraine** - Almost two-thirds of Ukrainian children have fled their homes, the UN says. About 4.8 million out of 7.5 million children had to leave their homes, said Manuel Fontaine from UNICEF. He confirmed the deaths of 142 children, but added that the number is "almost certainly higher"
- **Economy** - Ukraine economy to contract 45.1% this year, Russia 11.2%: World Bank
- **Rage** - Pray against rage as videos have come to the four about Ukrainian soldiers summarily executing Russian soldiers. Although they can obviously feel incredibly justified, this is destructive to them and provides ammunition to Russia their attempt to create an alternative narrative in Ukraine.
- **Russian Military** - Russia is sending an 8-mi long convoy of 100s of vehicles, including armored vehicles and artillery southbound through the Ukrainian town of Velykyi Burluk. The convoy is moving about 60 mi east of Ukraine's 2nd-largest

city of Kharkiv, as Russian focuses on Donbas. Russian Ministry of Defense claims destruction S-300 SAM at Chuhuiv airbase and Starobohdanovka in Mykolaiv region. Also claimed destruction of National Guard base in Zvonetske of Dnipropetrovsk region

- **Luhansk** - Governor says "They (Russia) are amassing forces for an offensive and we see the number of shelling has increased," and that some 30% of people still remain in settlements there and have been asked to evacuate.
- **Russian Reorganization** - Russia has reorganized the command of its battle operations in Ukraine, installing a new general, The commander of Russia's southern military district, Gen Alexander Dvornikov, with extensive experience in Russian operations in Syria, leads the invasion. He distinguished himself in military circles as a specialist in combating "terrorism," Receiving high honors from Putin for the ways he led in Chechnya and Syria, both areas where the Russian army has been known for their brutality. He also was the leader of the only units that have been effective in the Invasion overseeing the southern portion of the front.
- **Dnipro** - The mayor of Dnipro, a city in central-eastern Ukraine, has urged women, children and elderly people to leave because fighting with Russia is expected to intensify in eastern regions.
- **TRUTH** – pray that an ever-increasing steady stream of the atrocities committed by the Russians will be revealed and documented to maintain the ever-increasing pressure on political leaders and parties to act with speed, vigor and determination.
- **Russian Lies** – Russian Propaganda has gained a huge following in Spanish-speaking countries. For an example of the latest wave, "Ukrainianism is an artificial anti-Russian construct that has no civilisational substance of its own, a subordinate element of an extraneous and alien civilisation," wrote a RIA Novosti columnist earlier this week. The "re-education" of Ukraine could take a generation, he wrote, adding that "besides the highest ranks, a significant number of common people are also guilty of being passive Nazis and Nazi accomplices".
- **Evacuation & Panic** - Ukraine has urged civilians to leave the east of the country "while the opportunity still exists" before a massive Russian military assault that it expects in the coming days. The governors of the Kharkiv, Luhansk and Donetsk regions were calling on people to move immediately to safer areas. "It has to be done now, because later people will be under fire and face the threat of death. There is nothing they will be able to do about it.
- **May 9** - Reports are that Putin needs the invasion successful in time for the Victory Day parades, thereby threatening great attacks over the coming month. Putin would want to have an "announceable success" by then, which could create "some tension" with Russian commanders as exhausted forces were likely to be thrown into battle fairly soon in an attempt to gain ground in Donetsk, Luhansk and Kharkiv. This also is at the end of the 30-day default negotiation period (ending on May 5) meaning incredible pressure is on Russia to achieve victory by then.
- **Europe/US** – pray they will block all gas imports and provide truly meaningful military support.
- **Russia's Invasion** – pray against the preparations the Russian army is making to re-invade Sumy and Donbas and Mikolaiv
- **Oil** – Pray that Europe would have the political will to do a complete embargo of Russian fossil fuels (oil, gas, coal, etc.)
- **Retreating Russians** - Russian troops planted explosives at Cookies plant in Bucha, also poisoned all products at warehouses also retreating Russian forces are creating "a complete disaster" by leaving mines on homes and corpses in their wake, as renewed missile strikes on Ukrainian cities were reported. And 200 Ukrainian National Guard troops were also taken prisoner back to Belarus when the Russians left Chernobyl.
- **Sumy/Kharkiv** - Many villages completely cut off from all supplies and food and water!
- **Izyum** - Russian troops captured Izyum town in Kharkiv region
- **China** - Ukraine's security service said the Chinese government attempted to hack more than 600 websites belonging to the government and other key institutions, beginning before the Olympics.

- **Global Food** - there could be a global food crisis as Ukrainian farmers are being forced to limit what they plant due to the war. And also due to the fact that the main ways that they have a reaching global markets through the Black Sea is now blocked by Russia. Russia and Ukraine together produce 25% of all green in the world!
- **Refugees** - According to Polish border guards, more than 2.4 million people have fled Ukraine to Poland . However, supplies have dropped off and now the whole regions are struggling.
- **For the Weak** - Russia has flown more than 300 air sorties over Ukraine in the past 24 hours: senior U.S. defense official
- **Russian Elites** – to turn on one another and on Putin
- **Russian Conscripts** - President Vladimir Putin on Thursday signed a decree ordering 134,500 new conscripts into the army as part of Russia’s annual spring draft, but the defence ministry said the call-up had nothing to do with the war in Ukraine.
- **Russian Mercenaries** - British military intelligence said on Monday the Russian private military company, the Wagner Group, has been deployed to eastern Ukraine. “They are expected to deploy more than 1,000 mercenaries, including senior leaders of the organization, to undertake combat operations,” Britain’s Ministry of Defense said. These are particularly used to create terror to break the back of citizen resistance in occupied territories
- **Russian Military** – continuing to press in the north, but the real danger is that Russia seems to preparing for an all-out push in Donbas to encircle the Ukrainian army and to take the entire region and to create a united front against Ukraine.
- **Russian Soldiers** – pray for their physical,emotional and spiritual well-being and for them to have the courage to face the Truth and the opportunity to receive the Gospel which is the ONLY answer to the atrocities they’ve already committed.
- **Russian Opposition** – that those in the inner circle will see a way out and that Russian Opposition would be able to gather together in a meaningful way
- **Russia Offensive** - Russia attempts to break

- **The Truth** – In all things that the Truth would be painfully evident and unavoidable in all public discussion
- **Ukrainian Army** - Russia is attempting to encircle the Ukrainian Army in Donbas
- **Russia** – for the people to wake up to the Truth and rise up
- **Putin’s Inner Circle** – to fragment and turn on one another
- **Protection of the Weak**
- **The West** – to not grow numb to atrocities, but be compelled to action
 - **Military Aid** – High Altitude Missiles
 - **Evacuation** – Mariupol
 - **Peace Keepers** – to aid evacuations and protect and provide humanitarian aid

Prayer Strategies

- Corruption & Domination Falls
 - Russia, Belarus & Ukraine
 - The Former Soviet Union
 - China, India, UAE & Saudi Arabia
- Truth & Freedom prevail
- The Gospel is spreads like wildfire
 - From Ukraine
 - To Russia
 - To the whole world

Prayer Encouragement

"Each time, before you intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!" — Andrew Murray