

Ukraine Prayer Update – Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – Day 56

Praise Reports

- **Truth Revealed #1** - Moscow's mayor Sergei Sobyanin said on Monday "According to our estimates, about 200,000 people are at risk of losing their jobs"
- **Success** - Joint Forces Operation: 12 tanks, a plane and a helicopter were destroyed yesterday in clashes at Donbas. 6:30am Ukrainian military unit exited from the encirclement in Oleksandrivka village in Kherson region. 3am - Ukrainian military shot down 2 Russian UAVs with Stinger and Starstreak MANPADS: Horizont Air S-100 and Orlan-10
- **Military Aid - US** - Supplying long-range howitzers artillery but also repositioning the entire military industrial complex to produce only what Ukraine can use indicating a long term real commitment to support Ukraine. U.S. President Joe Biden is expected to announce a new military aid package about the same size as last week's \$800 million one in the coming days.
- **EU** - President of the European Council Charles Michel: In Kyiv today. In the heart of a free and democratic Europe. Ukrainian Air Forces confirmed receiving spare parts for existing planes, but not new planes as reported by media
- **Norway** - Norway has donated a Mistral air defense system to Ukraine.
- **UN** - U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for a four-day humanitarian pause in the fighting this coming weekend, when Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter, to allow civilians to escape and humanitarian aid to be delivered.
- **Oligarchs** - Putin signed off on legal amendments on April 16 that require Russian companies to delist their overseas shares, winding up a process that has gathered pace with the annexation of Crimea in 2014. That could force tycoons including Russia's richest man, Vladimir Potanin, as well as steel billionaires Vladimir Lisin and Alexey Mordashov, to reconfigure the ownership structure of businesses they hold -- in part -- via overseas shares paying foreign-currency dividends.

Pray Points - Latest

- **Mariupol** - Russia is using bunker bombs and even reported 3-ton bombs to destroy the Azovstal steelworks where the last of the fighters are holding out. 'Facing our last days': Mariupol commander pleads for help as Russian forces close in. Maj. Serhiy Volyna said there were about 500 wounded troops and many civilians with them at the Azovstal steel plant, which has become the last stand for Ukrainians in the port city.
- **Evacuations** - Evacuation convoy was agreed today for Mariupol' to Berdyansk-Zaporizhzhia. The problem is that this is most likely a Russian evacuation corridor which leads to filtration camps and deportation to Russia.
- **Donbas Offensive** - Russia's defence ministry said Russian missile and artillery forces struck 1,260 targets in Ukraine overnight, and that anti-aircraft forces downed a Ukrainian MiG-29 jet in the Donetsk region. Russia has four objectives in this second phase of its war in Ukraine, the European official said: capturing the Donbas, securing a land bridge to Crimea in which the besieged city of Mariupol is crucial, seizing Kherson oblast to secure the supply of freshwater to Crimea, and capturing additional territory that could be used as a buffer or a bargaining chip in negotiations. Russia is still thought to have three-quarters of the armed force and in Donbas it began the war with in February: about 60,000 troops in all. In the northeast corner of Donbas, on Monday, two Russian battalion tactical groups with some 60 tanks broke through Ukrainian lines after a three-day battle and took the town of Kreminna in the Luhansk region, Ukrainian officials said. From Kreminna, Russian forces overnight pushed through forested areas in the direction of Slovyansk, taking two villages. Heavy shelling raged on front lines in Donbas on Tuesday.
- **Mercenaries** - Russia has deployed up to from 10,000 to 20,000 mercenaries (from Syria, Libya and elsewhere) of the Wagner Group in its new offensive in Ukraine's Donbas region, sent into battle with no heavy equipment or armored vehicles.

- **Logistics** - Russia logistical challenges are still problematic even though the supply lines to the Donbas are shorter, and much will depend on the condition of the roads and railways.
- **Kharkiv** – shelling again after a brief pause
- **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.
- **Belarus** - Secretary of security council of Belarus warns of provocations from Ukraine to get Belarus involved in the war
- **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."
- **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.

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
- **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 be 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