

# Ukraine Prayer Update – Thursday, April 21, 2022 – Day 57

## Praise Reports

- **Success** – 1 Russian Su-25 jet was shot down in Donetsk region with a Stinger. 2 Russian Su jets were shotdown today near Izyum as well as a Ka-52 helicopter near Pavlivka and a Mi-8 helicopter near Malynivka both in the Zaporizhzhia region. In a counter-offensive near Marinka, Ukraine is claiming enemy losses.
- **Mariupol** – Russia has admitted limited defeat at Azovstal – having wasted untold amounts of weapons, bombs and soldiers, they have decided to give up and simply seal off the steelworks where between 500-1000 Ukrainian soldiers and 1000 civilians are holding out and attempt to therefore starve them out. Also there is real evidence from Girkin the DNR warlord that they actually still do not control huge civilian areas of the city and so as many as 100,000 people could still be there.
- **Church** – evacuating wounded from war zones
- **Support** – prime ministers Pedro Sanchez (Spain) and Mette Frederiksen (Denmark) arrived in Kiev and after seeing the horrors have declared they will never abandon Ukraine but stand with it and provide it with the needed military aid.
- **Czech** – sending tanks and also providing tank repairs in Czech
- **US** – providing parts for airplanes which allows Ukraine to put 20 of their planes back into use.
- **UK** – has released a new list of sanctioned individuals targeting Russian military officers
- **Oligarch Aleksperov** – the president of LukOil has stepped down following Putin’s declaration that they must be removed from foreign markets and UK sanctioned him.
- **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. And now Ukraine officially supports it.
- **Latvia & Estonia** – their parliaments officially recognize that Russia’s actions in Ukraine amount to genocide.

## Pray Points - Latest

- **Mariupol** – pray that they food and water are multiplied and supernaturally provided. That Ukraine gets to them and is able to resupply and evacuate them. Also that the Ukrainians there would strike back rather than just hide.
- **Evacuations** – no evacuations were possible yesterday because the Russians refused to allow it
- **Germany** – walked back from offering heavy weapons after suggesting they would.
- **Deportations** – Russia has deported over 500,000 people from Ukraine to Russia. 134,000 of those from Mariupol alone.
- **Donbas Offensive** - Russian missiles and artillery struck 1,001 military targets in Ukraine overnight, including 162 firing positions, the country’s ministry of defense claimed. Russia’s one successful offensive is to move the front forward 10km toward Popasna (a town of 20,000) but the push is only about 10 km wide. The fight for the town continues.
- **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** – the mayor city of over one million is where shelling is continuing and intensifying, said 30% of the population, mainly women, children and the elderly, have evacuated. Russian encirclement of the city once at almost 80% or more has now been pushed back to straight line to the northeast of the city, but Russian troops have advanced at Dibrovne village near Izyum, attempted to advance at Stara Hnylytsia village near Chuhuiv to the east of the city.
- **Refugees** – now 5 million have fled Ukraine. Pray for their safety, provision and care.
- **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**
- **China** – has doubled down and the Russian propaganda and refused to admit the atrocities were committed by Russia or any other point
- **France** – Macron's election is on April 24 and he is finally backing Ukraine more and more, but Marine Le Pen is not.

## 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