

# Ukraine Prayer Update – Wednesday, April 27, 2022 – Day 63

## Praise Reports

- **Success #1** – In Belgorod, an ammunition depot was on fire but no homes had been hit and there were no civilian casualties
- **Success #2** – Ukrainian forces continue to gain ground taking all the villages before you get suburbs of Kherson proper on the road from Mikolayev.
- **Success #3** – Demonstrating the ineffectiveness or confusion in tactics, Russia is bombing along the Kryvyi Rih and Zaporozhye fronts for the second day without mounting ground attacks. And in the north, two days after bombing, they're attempting ground offensives without artillery leading the way.
- **Truth Revealed - #1 - Kherson** - Well Russia is attempting to convince the world that the people of her so I want to be part of Russia. Today, there was a large rally in Kherson in support of Ukraine. Russian occupation forces used tear gas and stun grenades to disperse it
- **Truth Revealed #2 - Donbas** - Russians to control of the village of Novotoshkyvsk. And in a clear demonstration of what liberation by Russia looks like, the complete an entire village of 2200 has been destroyed.
- **Truth Revealed #3** - Russia/UN - Putin agreed "in principal" to humanitarian evacuation of Mariupol by Red Cross and UN. But that phrase is one he always uses to say "yes" when in fact he means "no." In other words, "we would but we can't/won't." Then in response to Zelensky's suggest for the UN to negotiate peace at talks in Mariupol, calling their bluff, Lavrov said, " it is too early," after 63 days?!?, "to talk about (even) who will mediate the negotiations", let alone being willing to even consider meaningful ceasefire!
- **Truth Revealed #4 - UK** - Russia has threatened the UK directly for support and what they call "provocations" for Ukraine particularly for its attacks on logistics on the Russian side of the border, but UK's deputy prime minister James Heapey's response is telling! "Well, the Russian statement is unlawful, and what we're doing is lawful. International law is very clear on this. States are entitled to provide military support to any state exercising the right of lawful defense against an aggressive invasion. And frankly, if Russia starts threatening other countries, it only adds further to

their pariah status, and will only further the solidarity and the consensus of the international community that they must be stopped.

- **Truth Revealed #5 - UK/Poland/Bulgaria** - deputy prime minister and lord chancellor Dominic Raab in response to Russia cutting off oil to Bulgaria & Poland said, "We need to show solidarity. Clearly what we're seeing is the need to wean ourselves off reliance on Russia. We have been warning about this for a while, but yes, we'll stand shoulder to shoulder with our Polish friends and allies They've said that they can deal with this, but of course it will have a very damaging effect on Russia as well, because it is becoming further and further not just a political pariah, but an economic pariah. And that will put the squeeze ultimately on Vladimir Putin. But one thing is true and clear. We cannot allow his bullying behavior, whether it is economic warfare, or it is military warfare, to succeed."
- **Truth Revealed #6 – China** – about to embark on a new infrastructure spending spree in a bid to fix an economy nearing breaking point because of Covid lockdowns and Russia invasion Ukraine.
- **Support #1 -Australia** – sending six M777 howitzers and ammunition
- **Support #2 – Canada** – intends to send eight armoured vehicles "as quickly as possible"
- **Support #3 – US** – sending HIMARS truck-mounted rocket system able to strike up 25 miles away, but also it can exchange its 8 rocket magazine for a larger single ticket magazine with a range over 200 miles rendering the Russian Black Sea vulnerable along with logistical bases in Russia proper.

## Pray Points - Latest

- **Mariupol** - Russia is attempting to bomb the Azovstal steelworks where 1000-2000 Ukrainian fighters hold out protecting 1000-2000 civilians. Having hit it 35 times in the last 24 hours.
- **Odessa** - Russian missile strike at the same bridge over Dnistrovsky Lyman in Odesa region this morning - head of Ukrzaliznytsa. With this bridge of Russia could do an amphibious assault on this region and Ukraine would be relatively unable to bring in military support to block it. Giving Rocha a beachhead in the Odessa region.
- **Donbas** - on the Severodonetsk front, Russian troops have established control over

Novotoshkivske, and conducting an offensive in the direction of Nizhne and Orikhovo. On the Lyman front, the Russian army established control over Zarichne and stormed the areas of Yampil. On the Izyum front, Russian troops captured the outskirts of the settlement of Velyka Komyshevakha, took control of the Zavody and conducted offensive operations in the direction of Barvinkovo, threatening the Slovyansk rail line.

- **Poland & Bulgaria** - Russia is suspending their countries' natural gas deliveries starting on Wednesday. Anna Moscow, head of the Polish ministry of climate and environment, said, "Poland has the necessary gas reserves and sources of supply that protect our security – we have been effectively independent of Russia for years. Our warehouses are 76% full. There will be gas in Polish homes." Bulgaria gets 90% of its oil from Russia through Turkey. But Bulgaria's energy minister Novinite says, "We have provided alternative quantities for a sufficiently foreseeable period...As long as I am a minister and responsible for this, Bulgaria will not negotiate under pressure and with its head bowed. Bulgaria does not give in and is not sold at any price."
- **Switzerland** - Swiss authorities have blocked the re-transfer of ammunition used in the 35mm automatic cannons on Gepard anti-aircraft vehicles that authorities in Berlin now plan to give to the Ukrainian armed forces.
- **Germany** – knew the Swiss would not agree to re-allocation of ammunition as they have already rejected a Polish request, and so this reveals that this offer of Gepard anti-aircraft vehicles was actually disingenuous, pray that real frustration and pushback in parliament will push prime minister Otto Scholz to either follow through or get out.
- **Russia** - a law has been passed making it possible to label ANYONE an "foreign agent" for with no evidence of interaction financial or otherwise with other foreign governments and then to label any of their family as enemies as well simply because they're related. This strips people of any rights, labels them traitors and allows the government to do anything to them and their property.
- **UN** - secretary general António Guterres meet with Zelensky tomorrow, Thursday after visiting Turkey's President Erdogan on Monday which has played a key role in negotiations, and meeting Russian president Vladimir Putin in Moscow yesterday, Tuesday. Pray he holds the line today.
- **Izyum/Kherson/Zaporozhye** – there is much evidence that Russia is desperately attempting to catch and conscript any and all able men in the occupied regions and force them to fight for them.
- **Russian Military** – time is running out and so their attacks and tactics will become increasingly desperate as these are the true last roll of the die. Because they have till May 9<sup>th</sup> to deliver Putin his victory but even sooner is May 4<sup>th</sup> the financial default and true victory would give them means to negotiate.
- **6 Russian Key Objectives to Pray Against**
  1. Kharkiv - Destroy, Encircle, Capture
  2. Izyum – push south to encircle Donbas
  3. Slavyonsk and Kramatorsk – in the east to complete a smaller encirclement of the cities
  4. Mariupol – completely destroy all opposition and export the populations
  5. Zaporozhye - Russian troops are building up forces and building logistics a massive concerted attack
  6. Kherson – Russia is facing sabotage from the people but is still attempting to push north toward Kryvyi Rih and west toward Mykolaiv, then to Odessa and to Transnistria and eventually to Moldova.
- **Ukrainian Artillery** – all of the defensive positions are using Soviet Era 152mm ammunition and NATO has been scrambling to provide Ukraine with all that it needs but they are running out. As the US is finally willing to send artillery (theirs is 155mm) it will still be months until it can reach the front lines and be used effectively.
- **Deportations** – Russia has deported over 500,000 people from Ukraine to Russia. 134,000 of those from Mariupol alone.
- **Mercenaries** – Continue to pray for all mercenaries to be neutralized in any way!
- **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.
- **Refugees** – now 5.2 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

## 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 Russia 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
- **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** – pray that all their various alternative narratives would be revealed as rags and shadows for all to see.
- **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.
- **Oil** – Pray that Europe would have the political will to do a complete embargo of Russian fossil fuels (oil, gas, coal, etc.)
- **Occupied** - Many villages completely cut off from all supplies and food and water!
- **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 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
- **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
  1. **Sanctions** – Loopholes would be closed and sanctions rendered effective
  2. **Oil Embargo** – That Europe would make the choice to stop immediately at the very least paying for gas & oil
  3. **Heavy Weapons** – provide planes, tanks, heavy artillery and high-altitude weapons

## Prayer Strategies

- Corruption & Domination Falls
  - Russia, Belarus & Ukraine
  - The Former Soviet Union
  - China, India, UAE & Saudi Arabia
- Truth & Freedom prevail
- The Gospel is spreading 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