

Ukraine Prayer Update – Friday, April 29, 2022 – Day 65

Praise Reports

- **Success** - Ukrainian military shot down Russian Su-34 in Kharkiv region. Oil depot is on fire in the Kirovsky district of Donetsk. Yesterday, Russian troops unsuccessfully attempted to advance at Brazhivka, Dovhenke in Kharkiv region, in Rubizhne of Luhansk region, near Oleksandrivka, Tavriyske, Ivanivka and Zahradivka in Kherson region
- **Prisoners Released** - Vice-PM of Ukraine: 45 Ukrainians, including 12 civilians were released from Russian captivity yesterday
- **US - Arms** - "Air defense has been a critical aspect of this entire fight" in Ukraine, per the Secretary of Defense "We need to make sure we are providing them Ukraine with air defense systems if they are taken out" by Russia, he says "We will continue to use those systems that are most effective.
- **Truth Revealed #1** - occupied territories - Truckloads of grain being carried off toward Russia from Russian occupied Melitopol. Russia stealing Ukrainian grain
- **Truth #2 - Russia** - Advisor to the office of President of Ukraine: Missile strikes in the downtown of Kyiv during the official visit of @antonioguterres. The day before he was sitting at a long table in the Kremlin, and today explosions are above his head. Postcard from Moscow? Recall why Russia still takes a seat on the UN Security Council
- **Truth #3 - Ukraine** - Training of Ukrainian forces on several systems continues outside Ukraine, senior defense official says. That includes not only the howitzer, but Q-64 short-range air defense radar and the M113 armored personnel carrier. And very quickly the Ukrainian artillery teams were outperforming their NATO teachers.
- **Truth Revealed #4 - Russian Communications** - as soon as the Russians switch channels, the Ukrainians are picking up on it, and announcing it to everyone to be able to track them. Like this: Russian Air Force Strategic Bomber Voice net active on 8090 Kilohertz USB, at 1459 UTC
- **Truth Revealed #5 - NATO** - NATO is prepared for a possibility that the war in Ukraine will drag on and last for months and years. However, the alliance said it was ready to maintain its support for Ukraine in the war against Russia for years, including help for Kyiv to shift from Soviet-era weapons to modern

western arms and systems. Secretary general Jens Stoltenberg made the remarks during a youth summit in Brussels later on Thursday. We need to be prepared for the long term. There is absolutely the possibility that this war will drag on and last for months and years." The NATO chief said the west would continue to put maximum pressure on Russian president Vladimir Putin to end the invasion of Ukraine through sanctions and economic as well as military aid to Kyiv. "NATO allies are preparing to provide support over a long period of time and also help Ukraine to transit, move from old Soviet-era equipment to more modern NATO-standard weapons and systems that will also require more training," Stoltenberg said.

- **Truth Revealed #6** – Russia Propaganda – the Kremlin’s chief propagandist Solovyev has attacked the region of Sverdlovsk and its city of Ekaterinburg as the center of the traitorous anti-war movement. The Governor has pushed back and Solovyev lost his practiced TV-host cool and went all gangster on him
- **Truth Revealed #7** – Russian TV – the threat of nuclear war that Putin/Lavrov/Medvedev continue use has actually freaked out Russians having the opposite effect than Russia wanted. While the West is recognizing that the threat is not real.
- **US - Support** - The House passed S. 3522 – Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022.. The House on Thursday overwhelmingly passed legislation that would allow President Biden to use a World War II-era law to quickly supply weapons to Ukraine on loan, sending the measure to Mr. Biden’s desk hours after he urged Congress to approve tens of billions of dollars’ worth of additional emergency aid for Kyiv. The 417-to-10 vote to invoke an extraordinary, eight-decade-old law created to battle Hitler reflected a growing bipartisan sense of urgency in Congress to bolster the Ukrainian military as it digs in for an ugly and protracted artillery war in the south and east of the country. The Senate passed the legislation unanimously this month.
- **Russia - Depleted resources** - As of today, the Pentagon assesses that more than 1,900 missiles have been launched at Ukraine in 63 days, the senior defense official says. The majority are now landing in Mariupol and in the Donbas region
- **Germany – Oil** - officials said the nation is now prepared to stop buying Russian oil, the Wall Street

Journal reported, opening the door for the European Union to impose a fresh set of sanctions on Moscow. Germany has already slashed its intake from Russia, which now accounts for 12% of Germany's oil consumption, down from 35% before Vladimir Putin launched his war on Ukraine, Germany Economic Minister Robert Habeck had said this week. The pivot from Germany follows a new deal with Poland that will allow it to import oil from other global suppliers through Gdansk, a Polish port in the Baltic Sea, which allows for a direct replacement of Russian supplies as it connects to the PCK oil refinery in Schwedt, Germany, they said. Enabling alternative oil imports to reach Schwedt was a key piece to Germany lifting its opposition to an embargo.

Pray Points - Latest

- **Mariupol** - Russian army continues assault on Azovstal plant in Mariupol, pushing more equipment after heavy airstrikes overnight as over 50 aerial bombs were dropped on Azovstal overnight. One which caused an underground field hospital to collapse with great loss of life, because of a recent, meaning there is no vital medical equipment and people "have very little water, very little food left". Ukrainians commander Volynia said: The operating theatre was hit directly. And all the operating equipment, everything that is necessary to perform surgery has been destroyed so right now, we cannot treat our wounded, especially those with shrapnel wounds and with bullet wounds. We are looking after the wounded right now with whatever tools we have. We have our army medics and they're using every skill they have to look after the wounded. And right now, we don't have any surgical tools but we have some basics. But also, we are in dire need of medication. We have almost no medication left." But Zelensky has said that Ukraine is going to attempt an evacuation of the civilian population today!
- **Russia - Military** - As of Thursday, the Pentagon assesses that Russia has about 92 battalion tactical groups in the war. That's up several more from last week, as Putin's forces continue to reset units after their earlier failures and put them back in the war. While the Pentagon does not assess that Russia has seized control of Mariupol, the senior defense official said today that a "significant" number of Russian forces are beginning to shift from the port city to the northwest
- **China** - having decreased Russian Oil imports from 120,000 to 60,000 barrels a day, they've now in violations of international sanctions by importing 30,000 barrels with prices \$110/barrel
- **Iran** - convinced that the world can't care about them and Russia at the same time has declared that the West doesn't have the moral right to say anything about what Russia is going and by the way they're not doing anything any way.
- **Europe - Economy** - Warning lights are flashing in the eurozone economy, with first-quarter growth in France stalling and shrinking in Italy, as Russia's war in Ukraine drives up energy costs across the continent.
- **G20 - Indonesia** - The Kremlin has said Russia is preparing for this year's G20 summit in Indonesia but remains undecided over whether President Vladimir Putin will attend in person or virtually. Indonesia, which is chairing the G20, has invited Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, to a leaders summit in November, despite pressure from some western countries to exclude the former
- **The West – Persistence & Focus** – Russia is counting on America to lose interest and focus and so become risk-averse in a long and ugly war. But also to prevent Russia from getting anything that it can claim as a victory by May 9th, there must a true defeat of the Russian military in the field and that will only happen with clear, powerful strategic support and supply of massive heavy weapons.
- **Russia – Gas** – The Financial Times is reporting some of Europe's largest gas importers are preparing to acquiesce to Russian demands that energy must be paid for in rubles. It says Gas distributors in Germany (34% dependence), Austria (5%), Hungary (58%) and Slovakia (96%) are planning to open ruble accounts at Gazprombank in Switzerland.
- **Izium/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 9th to deliver Putin his victory but even sooner is May 4th 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. Izium – 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 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 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