

Ukraine Prayer Update – Monday, May 2, 2022 – Day 68

Praise Reports

- **Success** - Izyum - Saturday, the headquarters of the Russian Second Army, seeking to break out of their salient at Izyum, was devastated by a Ukrainian rocket barrage. The headquarters was located by using Electronics Intelligence (ELINT), and, ironically, among those reported dead was Major General Andrei Simonov. He commanded electronic warfare troops for the Donbas offensive. Multiple reports from multiple sources report that Gerasimov was at that headquarters when it came under attack. He was wounded and had to be spirited away to Moscow. An unofficial Russian source reported that Gerasimov sustained 'a shrapnel wound in the upper third of the right leg without a bone fracture. 'The shard was removed - there is no danger to life,' he said. But Gerasimov's injury was severe enough to have him flown away from the frontlines and back to Russia to undergo further treatment, marking another embarrassing defeat for Putin's forces.
- **Success - Kharkiv** - The chief of staff's injury came just one day after Russian Major General Andrei Simonov, 55, was killed in Kharkiv, according to an adviser to Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky.
- **Success - Kryvyi Rih Front** - Russian troops attempted to advance near Ivanovka-Zahradivka, but failed.
- **Success - Kharkiv** - Russian troops have significant casualties near Staryi Saltiv
- **Success - Mariupol** - First 100 civilians evacuated from Azovstal and today will attempt to bring them to Zaporozhia.
- **Success - Kursk** - Railway bridge collapsed between Sudzha and Sosnovy Bor in Kursk region of Russia. Governor blames saboteurs
- **Success - Belgorod** - Governor of Belgorod region confirms fire and explosions at military arsenal near Tomarovka village
- **Success - Black Sea** - Ukraine released video footage of what it said were Bayraktar TB-2 armed drones hitting the two Raptor-class patrol boats at 4.51 a.m. Monday near Snake Island
- **Germany - Oil** - Germany says it's making progress on weaning itself off Russian fossil fuels and expects to be fully independent of Russian crude oil imports by late summer.
- **Truth Revealed #1 - Russia** - Russian troops in the occupied city of Melitopol have stolen all the equipment from a John Deere farm equipment dealership, about \$5,000,000-worth– and shipped it to Chechnya, according to a Ukrainian businessman in the area. But after a journey of more than 700 miles, the thieves were unable to use any of the equipment – because it had been locked remotely.
- **Truth Revealed #2 – Russia** -The upcoming anniversary of Russia's liberation at the end of World War II will have no bearing on Moscow's military operations in Ukraine, the country's foreign minister said on Italian television on Sunday. "Our soldiers won't base their actions on a specific date," Sergei Lavrov said when asked whether the May 9 anniversary would mark a turning point in the conflict.
- **Truth Revealed #3 – Moldova** - Forces in Moldova's breakaway region of Transnistria are preparing to join Russia in its war against Ukraine, according to authorities in Kyiv. Transnistria is a 249-mile long strip of land at the border with Ukraine. It is inhabited by some 470,000 people and is internationally recognized as part of Moldova but has been under the control of separatists since 1992. Ukrainian and Moldovan authorities have warned that recent explosions in the breakaway region of Transnistria were part of Russia's alleged plan to destabilize Moldova's pro-EU, pro-Western government led by President Maia Sandu. In addition, Western officials and defense analysts have said Transnistria could mobilize residents for the war against Ukraine.
- **Truth Revealed #4 - Germany** - The German chancellor, Olaf Scholz, has defended himself against accusations that his approach to Russian aggression has been hesitant and timid, insisting his decisions followed close consultation with Germany's allies and sought to avoid any suspicion that the country was "going it alone". Scholz has faced fierce criticism even from within his own government and last week came under particular fire from the opposition leader, Friedrich Merz, who accused him of weak leadership and of "procrastination, dithering and timidity". On Sunday it was reported that Merz was planning to travel to Kyiv on Monday.

Truth Revealed #5 - Israel - Israeli FM Yair Lapid rails against Russian FM Lavrov's claim Hitler had "Jewish blood." "His remarks were unforgivable and ludicrous, and a grave historical inaccuracy. The Jews did not murder themselves in the Holocaust. The lowest level of racism against the Jews is to accuse the Jews themselves of anti-Semitism"

Pray Points - Latest

- **Social Media** - Russia's online trolling operation is becoming increasingly decentralised and is gaining "incredible traction" on TikTok with misinformation aimed at sowing doubt over events in Ukraine, a US social media researcher has warned.
- **Odessa/Moldova** - New Russian missile strike at the bridge over Dnistrovsky Lyman in Odesa region - on attempt to create space for an amphibious assault to the rear of Odessa and to make a bridge to Transdnistria and Moldova
- **Russian Military** - Russian forces have made gains in the area of Lyman and Velyka Novosilka, but the progress is relatively slow. Ukrainian troops continue its defensive war and prepare for possible Russian offensive operation towards Kryvyi Rih and Mykolaiv as troops continue to amass in The Kherson Region. Mariupol – Pray that any evacuations actually successfully remove civilians to Ukraine and do not end in deportation. Also pray that the Ukrainian soldiers are able to be resupplied and continue to hold out.
- **Russia - Military** – shelling of Kharkiv continues and intensified as well in eastern Donbas and but all is relatively quiet near Izyum and Kherson and on Zaporozhia front shelling has ceased but with no sign of the threatened ground offensive.
- **Fuel** – with dangerously low availability of fuel, much of Ukraine's economy and food supply could be affected, but also the military and humanitarian aid distribution.
- **PTSD** – they are seeing that those fleeing the Russians are holding on for about 10 days and then face complete mental breakdown.
- **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 on May 4th the financial default hits 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.
- **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.
- **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 steals 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 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