

Ukraine Prayer Update – Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – Day 90

Praise Reports

Success

- **Kharkiv** - Russian forces attempted to regain control of Ternova, but the attack wasn't successful, and the enemy retreated to its original positions.
- **Severnodonetsk** - Russian troops attacked Ukrainian positions at Dovhenke, but the assault was repelled. The enemy also attempted to capture Toshkivka and Lypove, but wasn't successful.
- **Hackers** - Created by a hacktivist collective known as Obfuscated Dreams of Scheherazade (a reference to Arabic folklore), the website connects two random Russian officials in a three-way call so you can listen to the confusion (and annoyance) that ensues. The group claims its database contains more than 5,000 Russian government phone numbers, including ones linked to the country's FSB intelligence agency. The group describes its actions as a "civil intervention," noting "if you are hanging on the phone, you can't drop bombs, you can't coordinate soldiers, you can't make invasion plans."
- **Unsuccessful Assassination** - The head of Ukraine's Defense Intelligence claimed that Russian President Vladimir Putin survived an assassination attempt two months ago. Speaking to the Ukrainian news outlet Pravda Ukraine, Maj. Gen. Kyrylo Budanov said there was an "unsuccessful" attempt against the Kremlin leader's life at the start of Russia's brutal invasion of its neighbor.

Truth Revealed

- **Wheat** - Russia's theft of Ukrainian grain appears to be ramping up as it continues its war on the country, according to new satellite photos of the Crimean port of Sevastopol. Two Russia-flagged bulk carrier ships are shown docking and loading up with what is believed to be stolen Ukrainian grain in the images. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky has accused Russia of "gradually stealing" Ukrainian food products and trying to sell them.
- **Refugees** - even as 6.5 million Ukrainians have fled the tide of movement has reversed and now there lines days deep at the border to return!
- **Kremlin** - source close to the Kremlin - "Satisfied with Putin, probably almost none. Business and many members of the government are unhappy that the president started the war without thinking about the scale of the sanctions – one cannot live

normally with such sanctions . "Hawks" are not satisfied with the pace of the "special operation". They think they can act more decisively."

- **Fleeing Russia** - The eldest son of the Ukrainian-phobic Russian politician Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, whose death was announced on April 6, Igor Lebedev who is a former vice speaker of the Russian Duma decided not to follow the same path as his father. He decided to change his name, patronymic and surname. According to media reports, his name is now David Garcia and he has no plans to stay in "Greater Russia". David, not Igor, is planning to leave to Spain, where he has a lot of luxury real estate.
- **Moskva** - Two mothers of missing conscript sailors who served on the Moskva cruiser told Novaya Gazeta.ru. Europe", that they were offered to voluntarily recognize their sons as "dead as a result of the [natural] catastrophe". The mother of a conscript sailor told how long she tried unsuccessfully to find out what happened to her son, looking for him, among other things, in military hospitals. Then, according to the interlocutor of the publication, a notice came through the military registration and enlistment office: "We regret to inform you that your son has gone missing as a result of the disaster." The notice was followed by a statement already made, written on her behalf, stating that she admits that her son's body "was not found due to the fact that there was a [natural]catastrophe."
- **Kazakhstan** - banks have begun to enforce sanctions against Russian individuals

Pray Points - Latest

- **Donbas** - President @ZelenskyyUa said that Russian troops in the Donbas have 20 times more vehicles than the Ukrainian Armed Forces, and called on Western partners to hand over modern weapons to Ukraine
- **Pavlohrad** - 4 missile strikes against railway infrastructure in Pavlohrad and Synelnykove districts of Dnipropetrovsk region. Nearby residential houses damaged
- **Lyman** - After a few days of preparations, Russian forces have launched an attack on Lyman and reportedly entered the outskirts in the evening. Russian troops captured a forwarded Ukrainian checkpoint at Zolote, but the situation in the town

itself is unclear. It's likely the Ukrainian forces retreated or will retreat in coming hours to more favorable positions.

- **Svitlodarsk** - Ukrainian troops retreated from the contact line to avoid encirclement. They also blew a bridge and nearby dam to slow down the Russian advance. The enemy has captured Troitske and Myronivskyi as well.
- **Zaporozhia** - Number of Russian troops increased in Zaporizhzhia region, there are more Russian soldiers in Vasylivka than local population
- **Black Sea** – Ukraine has said that if they would be given MLRS systems like HIMARS they could break the blockade of the ports that is leading to food shortage worldwide.
- **Mariupol** - Russia claims to have taken complete control of Azovstal and that anywhere from 2000 to 2400 Ukrainian soldiers have been taken to either prisons or hospitals. Although they have been documented as POW's five the Red Cross to be exchanged for Russian POWs, but Denis Pushilin, the head of the separatist Donetsk region, told Russian state media said they are to be put on trial, though for what charges is to be seen
- **Severnodonetsk** - Intense fighting has been reported around the city, as Russian forces appear to be stepping up an offensive to encircle its Ukrainian defenders.
- **Ruble** – the Russian currency is surging to 7-year highs, that although artificial indicate that funds are flowing into Russia rapidly (as Europe attempts to refill stockpiles and India and other companies take advantage of discounted oil) meaning that Russia is being kept afloat.
- **Italy & Germany** – have set up ruble accounts with the EU's blessing to circumvent sanctions and pay for Russian gas
- **Italy** – has been apparently talking with Russia and submitting their own peace plan
- **EU** - Hungary is holding up the oil embargo
- **IMF** - The head of the International Monetary Fund, Kristalina Georgieva, has said the war in Ukraine has darkened the outlook for the global economy and could result in recession for more vulnerable countries and predicted that 2022 would be a tough year and declined to rule out a global recession if conditions worsened markedly.
- **Zaporozhia/Kryvyi Rih/Kherson** – Shelling continues as the Russians attempt to move forward and Russia

has blocked all exit from these regions as people line up at the borders

- **Odessa** – more missile attacks, but it sounds like they've all been intercepted.
- **Kherson** - Russia is stopping humanitarian aid from reaching hundreds of thousands of people in the region of Kherson, Ukraine said. Doctors could run out of medicine for chronically ill patients in two weeks, a Ukrainian official said. As they implement a ruble zone here it only increases the lack as people do not have rubles to purchase the need supplies.
- **Kharkiv** - Fighting continues in the areas of Ternov and Borshchiv with heavy shelling Occupiers are conducting enhanced aerial reconnaissance.
- **Wheat** - prices soar 60% as India, the world's second largest producer, blocks exports due to low harvest from heat wave.
- **NATO** - Even as Finland and Sweden apply to join along, Turkey continues threatened to veto it
- **Snake Island** – Russia is spending a lot of resources to install anti-missile facilities and to protect paratroopers who are holding the island
- **Russian Navy** - Russian Navy - All operating submarines of the Russian Black Sea Fleet went to sea from Sevastopol as seen by the fact that they are targeting military installations in Lviv
- **Fuel** - Russia continues to strike fuel refineries and stores (including in Lviv yesterday) destroying its Ukrainian production capacity and fuel tanks, continuing to create dangerously low availability of fuel, meaning much of Ukraine's economy and food supply could be affected, but also the military and humanitarian aid distribution.
- **Food** - pray for the world food supplies as Wheat make up 15% of all the worlds calories consumed. And much higher for impoverished countries. Ukraine produces 7% of the worlds wheat and Russia 11% meaning 3% of the entire food supply for the world is cut off, and again a much higher percentage for developing world. While corn makes up 19.5% of global calories and Ukraine produces 2.6% and Russia with 2.3% of world supplies, meaning a further decrease in 1% of the world calorie intake for a total between wheat and corn of 4%. A response to this is that "the Russian invasion is a large shock for agricultural commodity markets, but not historically large. Markets and trade patterns will adjust to absorb it. Farmers around the world will produce more and consumers will cut back or substitute. The transition may be difficult in

some places, especially countries such as Egypt that typically rely on wheat from Russia and Ukraine who must be helped to find alternate suppliers. The UN secretary general, António Guterres, has warned of “a hurricane of hunger” if Ukrainian grain is not exported. The world’s 41 least-developed nations import a third of their wheat from Ukraine and Russia. Soaring food prices have already driven inflation levels in Egypt to the highest level since mid-2019.

- **Russian Military** - trying to create panic among the Ukrainian civilian population and to disrupt the supply lines in the rear, but has minimum success on the battlefield.
- **Mines** - Almost half of the territory of Ukraine needs humanitarian demining - this is about 300,000 square kilometers, according to the State Emergency Service. Every day, an average of 2,000 to 6,000 explosive items are seized and rendered harmless in the country. One day of active hostilities is equal to 30 days of demining. For example, it will take about a year and a half to clear mines in the Kyiv region, where the fighting lasted a month. “Spring is coming, overgrown with grass, and in a week explosive devices cannot be installed visually, only devices. A few months later, due to rains, they sink underground to a depth of 3-5-7 centimeters, they are not visible at all, but they are still working,” the minister said. (As a sign of what supernatural resolutions can be possible, but during the Vietnam War, the United States strategically placed mines in North Vietnamese waters area that were set to detonate when a ship was in close proximity. In August 1972, a large number of these magnetic mines simultaneously started exploding. Upon investigation, the US found out that the cause of these explosions, which were estimated to be as many as 4,000, were not enemy ships. As it turned out, the culprit was a powerful historical series of solar storms with an extreme solar flare, solar particle events, and geomagnetic storm components hit the Earth.)
- **Testing the West** - multiple alternative narratives are being focus-grouped by politicians - Like assuming Russia taking half of Ukraine is a done deal. Or turning Ukraine into Cyprus - divided state with Chinese soldiers occupying
- **Russia - Default** - The Russian finance ministry announced it paid nearly \$650 million it owed holders of two of its dollar bonds. Two creditors told Reuters they had not yet seen the money in their

accounts, but a senior U.S. government official confirmed that the payments had been made and that the source appeared to be outside the limits of the current sanctions. The Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee, representing major global banks and asset managers, met on Friday and acknowledged the reports of Russia's payments, but nonetheless made plans for a credit default swap auction next week "solely in order to prepare for the possibility of a Failure to Pay Credit Event." If Friday's announced payments clear, attention will shift to two events at the end of May:

1. Transactions between U.S. persons and Russia's finance ministry, central bank or national wealth fund are only allowed under a temporary license issued by the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) that will expire on May 25. The U.S. Treasury has not commented on whether that deadline will be extended.
 2. Russia faces coupon payments due on May 27 on a dollar bond issued in 2016 and an euro bond issued in 2021. The payment on the euro bond could be done in ruble as a last resort, but the dollar bond does not have that provision.
- **Belarus** - starting emergency military exercises today, claims it does not pose a threat to its neighbors.
 - **Narrative** – probing attacks from many directions in the media and with politicians continue as they attempt to discover a way to distract, divide or dissuade support for Ukraine and for Russia’s total expulsion from Ukraine and for Russian government to be held accountable. Continue to pray for solidarity and truth and those in occupied territories who are suffering and/or have been deported will be heard and not forgotten or abandoned.
 - **Putin** - Russian President Vladimir Putin is set to undergo cancer surgery and temporarily hand over power to a hardline former federal police chief, according to a new report. Putin will transfer control of Russia’s government to Nikolai Patrushev, head of the Russian federal police’s Security Council, while he is incapacitated during and after the procedure, according to a video from the mysterious Telegram channel “General SVR” on Saturday. Putin will transfer control of Russia’s government to Nikolai Patrushev, head of the Russian federal police’s Security Council, while he is incapacitated during and after the procedure, according to a video from the mysterious Telegram channel “General SVR” on Saturday. The channel — which is purportedly run

by a former Russian Foreign Intelligence Service lieutenant general known by the pseudonym “Viktor Mikhailovich” — reported that Putin has been told by doctors that he must undergo an operation. The anticipated surgery and recovery are expected to incapacitate Putin for “a short time,” according to the unconfirmed report. “Putin is unlikely to agree to hand over power for a longer period of time,” the narrator of the video states, adding that the control of the country will likely be in Patrushev’s hands for no more than two to three days. “I will say that this is the worst option,” the narrator adds. “Patrushev is an outright villain. He is no better than Vladimir Putin. Moreover, he is a more cunning, and I would say, more insidious person than Vladimir Putin. If he comes to power, Russians’ problems will only multiply.” “Viktor Mikhailovich” ominously hinted that he and his allies “will make certain efforts so this does not happen, and I hope we will succeed.”

- **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.
- **PTSD** – they are seeing that those fleeing the Russians are holding on for about 10 days and then face complete mental breakdown.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 6.5 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.
- **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