# **Praise Reports**

• **Success** - Russian troops conducted offensive towards Bohorodychne, Komyshuvakha, Nyrkove, Berestove and Bilohorivka, without success.

#### Truth Revealed

- China Economy China is sending small vessels out to huge tankers at sea in an effort to transport cheap Russian oil to Asia, Bloomberg reported. Following the sanctions imposed over Russia's invasion of Ukraine, more shipowners and insurers are refusing to handle Russian oil, leading to Chinese buyers using risky ship-to-ship transfers to keep crude coming into the country, shipbrokers told Bloomberg.
- China Military The Pentagon: China continues military cooperation with Russia despite the brutal war in Ukraine. Antony Blinken, the US secretary of state, has said China's cooperation with Vladimir Putin after his invasion of Ukraine "raises alarm bells". Blinken criticised the Chinese president, Xi Jinping, for defending Putin's "war to erase Ukraine's sovereignty" and said it was "a charged moment for the world".
- Sanctions The evidence that sanctions are working, Putin has offered to release Ukrainian grain and the olic carks have offered to make a massive contribution to Ukraine's rebuilding if certain sanctions are lifted!
- Russian Soldiers' Mothers A Russian mother who was initially excited about her two sons' conscription to the Russian military last year forced Putin's government to return her sons home after she found out they were wrongfully sent to fight in Ukraine. Marina told the BBC that after weeks and an attempt to drive into Ukraine herself, she heard from colleagues in her son's unit who said that her sons had signed military contracts to fight in Ukraine. "I wrote to the prosecutor-general's office asking to investigate," Marina told the BBC. "I told them there was no way my sons could have signed military contracts. I was certain. Other mothers wrote, too. They all knew their children." By March 9, the military prosecutor's office investigated Marina's claim and returned her sons to Russia shortly after, given they had never signed military contracts to fight in Ukraine. "The lads that came back from there were so thin, dirty and exhausted,"

Marina told the BBC. "Their clothes were torn. My son said: 'It's better that you don't know what happened there.' But all that mattered to me was that he had come back alive." She added that throughout the war, military officers "lied to my face." "First, they lied that my sons weren't in Ukraine. Then they lied that they'd signed military contracts. Officers lied, sergeants lied," she told the BBC. "Later someone told me that they weren't allowed to tell me the truth. Incredible. They were allowed to break the law and send my sons [to Ukraine], but they weren't allowed to tell a mother where her children are."

- **Deportations** Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians have been processed through a series of Russian "filtration camps" in Eastern Ukraine and sent into Russia as part of a systemized program of forced removal, according to four sources familiar with the latest Western intelligence — an estimate far higher than US officials have publicly disclosed.
- Genocide Russia, waging war in Ukraine, incites genocide and commits actions aimed at the destruction of the Ukrainian people. This is stated in the report of the American analytical center New Lines Institute for Strategy and Policy and the Canadian Center for Human Rights named after Raoul Wallenberg, reports CNN, which received a copy of the document. 30 leading lawyers and experts on the genocide contributed to the report. They concluded that Russia had violated the second and third articles of the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. The accusations, the report highlights, are backed by evidence, including massacres of civilians, forced deportations and anti-Ukrainian rhetoric. As one of the proofs, the words of Russian President Vladimir Putin are cited that Ukraine has no right to exist as a state. The authors of the report directly compare the situation in Ukraine with the massacre in Srebrenica and call on world leaders to influence Russia before it is too late.
- Russian Anti-war Dissent At a meeting of the Legislative Assembly of the Primorsky Territory, a deputy from the Communist Party of the Russian Federation Leonid Vasyukevich read out an appeal to the President of Russia demanding to stop the "special military operation" in Ukraine. "We understand that if our country does not stop the

military operation, there will be even more orphans in our country. During the military operation, young people who could be of great benefit to our country are dying and becoming disabled," Vasyukevich said. According to him, in addition to him, the appeal was signed by deputies Natalya Kochugova, Alexander Sustov and Gennady Shulga. As follows from the recording, they tried to interrupt Vasyukevich all the time - Newsbox24.tv says that it was the chairman of the legislative assembly Alexander Rolik. The governor of Primorye, Oleg Kozhemyako, who was present in the hall, according to Kommersant, called Vasyukevich a "traitor" and called for him to be taken out of the hall along with Shulga, who supported his colleague. As a result, both communists were deprived of the right to vote at the meeting. The leader of the Communist Party faction, Anatoly Dolgachev, called the speech of his comrades an uncoordinated demarche and promised to take "the toughest measures," the newspaper reports.

- Chechnya Several Chechen human rights organisations, as well as bloggers, are talking about appeals from Chechen residents regarding men being abducted to be sent as "volunteers" to the war against Ukraine. According to human rights activists, the abducted men are forced to sign a contract under threat of spending an indefinite time in secret prisons. 100 people are being held in one of the illegal prisons, and 30 in the other. These data are reported by men who witnessed such "mobilizations".
- WHO World Health Organization member states strongly condemned Russia today for its invasion of Ukraine and attacks on healthcare sites, reports AFP. At WHO's annual healthcare convention, the resolution condemning Russia was approved by 88 votes, with 12 votes against. A Russian counterresolution on the health crisis in Ukraine did not get approved. The approved resolution says that it "condemns in the strongest terms" Russia's "military aggression against Ukraine, including attacks on healthcare facilities". The resolution also demands Russia "immediately cease any attacks on hospitals" and other healthcare facilities.

#### Support

• **US** - The US is preparing to send advanced, longrange rocket systems to Ukraine after an urgent request from Ukrainian officials, multiple officials reportedly told CNN. The Biden administration is leaning toward sending the systems as part of a larger package of military and security assistance to Ukraine, which could be announced as soon as next week, the outlet reported. The US-made Multiple Launch Rocket System, or MLRS can fire a barrage of rockets hundreds of kilometres — much farther than any of the systems Ukraine already has which the Ukrainians argue could be a gamechanger in their war against Russia.

#### **Pray Points - Latest**

- **Belarus** Lukashenka said on Thursday that the Belarusian armed forces plan to immediately create a southern operational command, on the border with Ukraine
- Kherson There is a threat of flooding in Kherson and Kakhovka due to Russian army actions at Nova Kakhovka hydro power plant - General Staff of Armed Forces of Ukraine. At the same time half the population has fled. And the Russians are actually shelling occupied villages
- Black Sea Threats of missile strikes, particularly from the sea, remain relevant. The deteriorating weather makes it impossible to land marines and increases the risk of landmines being dumped along the coast. As of 26 May, the enemy naval grouping in the Black Sea of 6 airborne corps and 2 missile ships does not come with any changes in strength or objectives.
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- Lughansk the occupiers do not have control of the Lysychansk-Bakhmut route, but they are shelling there, so Ukrainian defenders and volunteers are looking for other ways to deliver supplies to the Ukrainian-controlled territory of the Luhansk region.
- EU Sanctions Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy has complained about divisions inside the European Union over more sanctions against Russia and asked why some nations were being allowed to block the plan. The EU is discussing a sixth round of punitive measures, including an embargo on Russian oil imports. Such a move requires unanimity but Hungary opposes the idea for now on the grounds its economy would suffer too much. "How many more weeks will the European Union try to agree on a sixth package?" Zelenskiy asked in a late night address on Thursday, noting that Russia was receiving a billion euros a day from the 27-nation bloc for energy supplies.

- Ukrainian Prisoners of War There are about 8,000
  Ukrainian prisoners of war held in the Russianbacked self-proclaimed Luhansk and Donetsk
   People's Republics, the Luhansk official Rodion
   Miroshnik has said.
- Lyman/Slovyansk Russia's separatist proxies in eastern Ukraine claimed full control of the important battlefield town of Lyman on Friday, and Ukraine conceded that Russia has control of most of it, as Moscow presses its biggest advance for weeks. Lyman, site of a key railway hub, has been a major front line as Russian forces press down from the north, one of three directions from which they have been attacking Ukraine's industrial Donbas region. The pro-Russian Donetsk People's Republic separatists said they were now in full control of it. Fighting now underway near Rayhorodok, between Lyman and Sloviansk according to police at Sloviansk northern checkpoint, forbidding onward travel north. Outgoing artillery audible all morning from Sloviansk.
- Dnipro 10 killed, about 35 wounded as result of Russian missile strikes against National Guard base in Dnipro district. 3 missiles were launched from Rostov region of Russia - head of territorial defense of Dnipro city
- Donbas Russian invaders are trying to advance along the entire line of defense in eastern Ukraine, with 20x the forces than the Ukrainians, shelling villages and launching missile and bomb strikes. The Joint Forces units continue to conduct a defense operation in their particular area of responsibility on the Donetsk and Luhansk fronts. "The enemy is using combat aircraft, multiple rocket launchers, large-caliber artillery, tanks and mortars of various systems along the entire line of defense. They are launching missile and bomb strikes on civilian infrastructure and peaceful residential areas. The aggressors attacked over 40 settlements in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, destroying and damaging 47 civilian structures, including 38 residential buildings, a school, a health camp, a recreation centre and a railway station. 5 civilians were killed and 12 others were injured as a result of these shellings.
- Unity there are movements beginning with Ukraine to begin to blame various people and parties for Ukraine's situation, attempting to create division calling for various people to be charged with corruption, rather than waiting till after the war
- Lughansk the highway to Bakhmut was seized briefly by Russia yesterday, but retaken. This is a key

artery to providing humanitarian and military aid and for evacuation of refuges.

- Zaporozhia Russian missiles are falling in Zaporizhzhia in what is most likely an attempt to intimidate civilian population ahead of their expected push toward the city. As Russian troops and military hardware continues to gather in preparation for a huge push toward Zaporozhia
- **Melitopol** there is a huge partisan movement among the people in this reason and they have taken out many railroad bridges and trains.
- Mariupol Russia claims to have taken complete controller 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
- **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
- 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 with the Russians conducting enhanced aerial reconnaissance.
- 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 prices soar 60% as India, the world's second largest producer, blocks exports due to low harvest from heat wave. 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:

- 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.
- 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
  - <u>Kharkiv</u> Destroy, Encircle, Capture
  - <u>Izyum</u> push south to encircle Donbas
  - <u>Slavyonsk and Kramatorsk</u> in the east to complete a smaller encirclement of the cities
  - <u>Mariupol</u> completely destroy all opposition and export the populations
  - <u>Zaporozhye</u> Russian troops are building up forces and building logistics a massive concerted attack
  - <u>Kherson</u> 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 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 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

- 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
  - Sanctions Loopholes would be closed and sanctions rendered effective
  - Oil Embargo That Europe would make the choice to stop immediately at the very least paying for gas & oil
  - Heavy Weapons provide planes, tanks, heavy artillery and high-altitude weapons

## **Prayer Strategies**

- Corruption & Domination Falls
  - o Russia, Belarus & Ukraine
  - $\circ \quad \text{The Former Soviet Union} \\$
  - China, India, UAE & Saudi Arabia
- Truth & Freedom prevail
- The Gospel is spreads like wildfire

- From Ukraine
- o To Russia
- $\circ$  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