

# Ukraine Prayer Update – Thursday, June 9, 2022 – Day 106

## Praise Reports

### Success

- **Popasna** - Russian forces have suffered significant losses near Berestove
- **Slovyansk** - Ukrainian defence forces repelling Russian attacks at Dovhenke village
- **Lughansk** - Russian arsenal in Kadiivka destroyed
- **Kherson/Kryvyi Rih** – Ukrainian forces resisted Russian counter attacks to take the beachhead on the eastern side of the river Ingulets and caused great loss

### Truth Revealed

- **Poland** - president Andrzej Duda has been sharply critical of both German chancellor Olaf Scholz and French president Emmanuel Macron for their phone conversations with Russia's President Vladimir Putin. He compared the situation to the second world war, and Reuters quotes him saying: "Did anyone speak like this with Adolf Hitler during World War Two? Did anyone say that Adolf Hitler must save face? That we should proceed in such a way that it is not humiliating for Adolf Hitler? I have not heard such voices."
- **Denmark** - Former Danish prime minister and former secretary general of Nato, Anders Fogh Rasmussen: "The Ukrainian people are actually fighting on behalf of all of us, and we must stop Putin otherwise he will not stop. He will continue to conquer peaceful neighbours if he isn't stopped in Ukraine." Rasmussen predicted the biggest risk was that "Putin and Russia are experts in prolonged simmering frozen conflicts", citing Russian presences in Transnistria, South Ossetia and the Crimea." He said that work to support Ukraine would have to continue for a long time, saying "We have to ensure that it will never happen again that Ukraine will be invaded. So Ukraine will need security guarantees one way or the other. And I think the UK as well as the US and other big Nato allies will play a crucial role in providing ironclad security guarantees to Ukraine...The only language that Putin understands is the language of strength, force and unity" he added."

### Support

- **EU** - The European Parliament has backed a resolution that calls for Ukraine to be a candidate for EU membership, Oleksandr Korniyenko, the first

deputy speaker of the Ukrainian parliament, tweeted on Thursday. "The majority of MEPs are together with the Ukrainian people!" he added.

- **Businessman** - Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced that he has met with American philanthropist Howard Buffet, son of billionaire investor Warren Buffet, in Kyiv to discuss rebuilding efforts. "We discussed assistance that would be valuable for our state. I offered him the chance to join projects restoring irrigation systems in the Odesa region, supporting our people, (and) mine clearance," Zelenskyy said in a tweet.

## Pray Points - Latest

- **Severodonetsk** - Ukrainian forces still hold the industrial zone and adjacent areas in the city, and the situation is "difficult but manageable", mayor Oleksandr Stryuk said this morning. He said defense lines were holding despite intense Russian artillery fire but that it was now impossible to evacuate people. He said about 10,000 civilians remained in the city. Governor Haidal: "Silence in Severodonetsk lasts only when guns are reloaded. Street fights continue in the regional center. Russians adhere to their primitive tactics: heavy artillery fire, then - attempts to break through. The same thing happened in the already destroyed Rubizhne and Popasna. The enemy is powerfully pursuing the industrial zone, which we control. If we quickly get western long-range weapons, an artillery duel will begin, the (Russia) will lose to the west, and our defenders will be able to clean up Severodonetsk in two or three days. Evacuation from Severodonetsk is still impossible, as is the transportation of goods. Currently, the hospital has everything necessary to stabilize the wounded." He has also again emphasized that "Russians do NOT control the Lysychansk-Bakhmut route, but constantly storm it. We do not use this road."
- **Izium** - increased efforts by Russia to move toward Slovyansk and the key transportation routes that keep the east supplied!
- **Mariupol** - Occupation authorities of the Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) continued to fail to provide the residents of Mariupol with basic social services or quality-of-life assurances. Advisor to the Mayor of Mariupol Petro Andryushchenko stated that DNR authorities are unable to provide water, humanitarian aid, or medical services to residents

and that corruption amongst DNR collaborators is further complicating the situation. Head of the DNR Denis Pushilin stated that his priority is restoring the school system in Mariupol despite continual administrative failures to provide even the most basic food and water services.

- **Donbas** - a flurry of artillery and arial bombing
- **Odessa** - For the first time, such a large grouping of the Russian Navy operates in the Black Sea, which consists of twelve large landing ships of the Northern, Baltic and Black Sea fleets. These BDKs (large landing vessels) are now ready to perform their intended tasks as part of a special military operation." Each BDK Can carry up to 25 armored personnel carrier, or 313 infantry or 500 tons of useful goods. All of which can be used in an amphibious landing directly onto the beach. Also Russia still has 6 airborne divisions and two guided missile cruisers, and apparently some control of Snake Island all of which together with consistent attacks on the damaged Zatoka bridge means a real danger of an amphibious assault on the far southeast corner of the Odessa region to build a bridge to the Russian controlled Transdnistria region of Moldova and to encircle Odessa and Mikolaiv.
- **Kharkiv** - continues to face intermittent bombardment that targets civilian infrastructure.
- **Zhytomyr** – A seemingly random attack on an apartment building hundreds of miles from the front might be a part of a larger Russian plan of intimidation, whereby they are contacting Ukrainian soldiers on their cellphones threatening their families by using location data.
- **Negotiations** - Negotiations with Russia will only resume after new weapons arrive from the west and Ukraine's position is "strengthened", said David Arakhamia, a member of Ukraine's negotiation group with Russia. Another negotiator, Mykhailo Podolyak, said there was no point in talks with Russia until Moscow's forces are pushed back as far as possible towards Ukraine's borders.
- **Slovyansk** - coming from Lyman near Staryi Karavan, the Russian army is attempting to seize area on the left bank of Sieversky Donetsk river, to move toward Slovyansk, as well as another force coming from Izyum.
- **Negotiations** - Representatives of the United States, the European Union and the United Kingdom have been meeting regularly over the past few weeks to discuss a plan to end the war in Ukraine through

negotiations. In particular, according to the interlocutors of the TV channel, the Italian plan was discussed. Ukraine does not directly participate in these discussions, which contradicts the statements of the US authorities - "nothing about Ukraine without Ukraine." At the same time, as emphasized, the United States does not put pressure on Ukraine, insisting on a certain plan, and does not push it to negotiate with Russia.

- **People of the West** – pray that they rise up against their governments and demand they back Ukraine with more than words and do NOT negotiate with Russia, giving Putin land for grain or a ceasefire, rather than a military tribunal for him and the other war criminals.
- **Belarus** - Lukashenka still has Belarusian armed forces as a part of an organized 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.
- **Odessa** – Russia still has 6 airborne divisions and two guided missile cruisers, and apparently some control of Snake Island all of which together with consistent attacks on the damaged Zatoka bridge means a real danger of an amphibious assault on the far southeast corner of the Odessa region to build a bridge to the Russian controlled Transdnistria region of Moldova and to encircle Odessa and Mikolaiv.
- **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.
- **Ukrainian Prisoners of War** - There are about 8,000 Ukrainian prisoners of war held in the Russian-backed self-proclaimed Luhansk and Donetsk People's Republics, the Luhansk official Rodion Miroshnik has said.

- **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. Former president Petroshenko's party in retaliation for the difficulties he's had leaving the country to negotiate with the Lithuanians last week, has called for an investigation into why Zelensky and his party did not prepare better for the invasion.
- **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 region and they have taken out many railroad bridges and trains.
- **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
- **EU** - Hungary continues to block a true 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 to veto it even as negotiations continue.
- **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 world's calories consumed. And much higher for impoverished countries. Ukraine produces 7% of the world's 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
- **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.
- **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**
  - Kharkiv - Destroy, Encircle, Capture
  - Izium – push south to encircle Donbas
  - Slavyonsk and Kramatorsk – in the east to complete a smaller encirclement of the cities
  - Mariupol – completely destroy all opposition and export the populations
  - Zaporozhye - Russian troops are building up forces and building logistics a massive concerted attack
  - 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.
- **Occupied Conscript** – there is much evidence that Russia is desperately attempting to catch and conscript any and all able men in the occupied regions of Izium, Kherson & Zaporozhye and force them to fight for them.
- **Deportations** – Russia has deported over 750,000 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 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
  - 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