

Ukraine Prayer Update – Sunday, July 10, 2022 – Day 137

Praise Reports

Success

- **Donbas** - Ukrainian Air Forces: yesterday Russian helicopter was shot down near Horlivka
- **Kharkiv** - After sending reinforcements, Russian forces resumed their offensive from the state border, without success.
- **Kherson** - Ukrainian missile units conducted 2 strikes against command posts, gatherings of equipment and field ammunition warehouses near Chornobaivka
- **Slovyansk** - Russian forces attacked area near Dolyna without success
- **Lughansk** - huge explosions and fires near Torez so huge it was visible from 10-15km away for hours. Also another explosion at warehouse in Alchevsk about 50km to the north.
- **Mariupol** - Explosion and fire reported in Mariupol
- **Donetsk** - Russians tried to advance in the areas of Bohorodychne, Krasnopillia, Avdiivka, and Maryinka, and again predictably failed. There is a "gray zone" in the Verkhokamyanske area where the fields and villages are changing hands. The situation is very difficult for the Ukrainian Armed Forces in the Novoluhansky area, yet Ukrainians are holding on.

Truth Revealed

- **Corruption #1** - Volodymyr Zelenskiy said on Saturday that he had dismissed several of Kyiv's senior envoys abroad, including the country's outspoken ambassador to Germany. Zelenskiy announced the sacking of Ukraine's ambassadors to Germany, India, the Czech Republic, Norway and Hungary and said new candidates were being readied for the positions. "This rotation is a normal part of diplomatic practice," he said in a statement. It was not clear if the envoys would be assigned new positions. Zelenskiy has urged his diplomats to drum up international support and military aid for Ukraine as battles continue.
- **Corruption #2** - On July 8, a member of the US House of Representatives, Victoria Spartz, said that the head of the office of the President of Ukraine, Andriy Yermak, could be associated with the Russian authorities. She announced this in a letter (.pdf) sent to US President Joe Biden.
On July 9, Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesman Oleg Nikolenko wrote on social media that the

actions and statements of Victoria Spartz "are an undisguised attempt to return to American politics the classic Russian propaganda narratives about alleged ties between the Ukrainian leadership and Russia and to draw our state into US domestic politics." Victoria Spartz, in response, called on the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry to treat her statement "with the seriousness that questions about Mr. Yermak require" instead of attacks and insults. The American politician listed several serious accusations against Yermak and invited the head of the office of the President of Ukraine to personally answer them. Among them: a.) leak of information about the special operation of Ukraine to detain the fighters of the Wagner group in Minsk in 2020 ; b.) poor management of failed negotiations with Russia before the war; c.) attempts to convince the Ukrainian authorities that Russia will not attack the country in February, despite the data of Western intelligence agencies; d.) the loss of the Kherson region and its occupation by Russian troops; e.) delaying urgent purchases of military equipment through the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine and putting forward unreasonable or even illegal conditions; f.) delaying, through his deputy, Oleg Tatarov, the appointment of an independent anti-corruption prosecutor. "I know that President Zelenskiy is waging a dangerous war against an insidious enemy. He spends a lot of time building international support to protect his country, but he has a constant internal problem that he must solve, head of the presidential office, Andriy Yermak," Spartz said. Marcy Kaptur, co-chair of a group supporting Ukraine in the US Congress, has backed President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and accused her colleague Victoria Spartz of rashly helping Russian President Putin. This has been reported by European Pravda (European Truth), which has seen Kaptur's statement. Kaptur, who is a Democrat, noted that the US Congress has, on an overwhelmingly bipartisan basis, spearheaded support for Ukraine in its heroic efforts to defend its homeland and end Russia's brutal war. "While some members may seek to sow division and inflame tensions - as a whole, the United States Congress stands firmly behind President Zelenskyy and his leadership as Ukraine battles for its survival," Kaptur said, referring to Victoria Spartz's public stance.

Kaptur stressed that the level and scope of US cooperation with President Zelenskyy's office "gives no reason to doubt the loyalty of any official" and accused Spartz of playing into Putin's hands.

"Those who are spreading wild narratives aimed at undermining Ukrainian officials during the war are recklessly providing aid to Putin and his propagandists. The United States is committed to Ukraine's victory and the Ukrainian people have no greater friend than the United States," Kaptur assured.

- **Ukrainian Mobilization** - Minister of Defense Reznikov has revealed how many soldiers defend Ukraine, Ukrayinska Pravda reports, citing Ukrinform. "At the moment due to mobilisation up to 700 thousand soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, 90 thousand servicemen of the National Guard of Ukraine, nearly 60 thousand border guards, and 100 thousand servicemen of the National Police are deployed. Oleksii Reznikov, the Minister of Defence of Ukraine, has reported that over a million people in uniform work for the sake of security and defence of Ukraine and called upon businesses to support this sector and invest into it more actively."
- **Russia's Plan** - Russian-backed occupation authorities in Kharkiv Oblast stated that Kharkiv Oblast is an "inalienable part of Russian land," indicating that the Kremlin likely intends to annex part or all of Kharkiv Oblast. The Russian occupation government in Kharkiv Oblast unveiled a new flag for the occupation regime in Kharkiv Oblast containing the Russian imperial double-headed eagle and symbols from the 18th century Kharkiv coat of arms. The Russian occupation government stated that the imagery in the flag is a "symbol of the historical roots of Kharkiv Oblast as an inalienable part of Russian land," indicating that the Kremlin seeks to annex portions of Kharkiv Oblast to Russia and likely seeks to capture all of Kharkiv Oblast if it can. The Kharkiv Oblast occupation government's speed in establishing a civilian administration on July 6 and introducing martial law in occupied Kharkiv Oblast on July 8 further indicates that the Kremlin is aggressively pursuing the legitimization and consolidation of the Kharkiv Oblast occupation administration's power to support this broader territorial aim. The Kharkiv Oblast occupation government's explicit use of Imperial Russian imagery and rhetoric pointing clearly at annexation, rather than using imagery and

rhetoric supporting the establishment of a "people's republic," reinforces ISW's prior assessment that the Kremlin has broader territorial aims than capturing Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts or even holding southern Ukraine.

- **Russian Mobilization** - Russia is moving reserve forces from across the country and assembling them near Ukraine for future offensive operations. A large proportion of the new infantry units are probably deploying with MT-LB armoured vehicles taken from long-term storage as their primary transport. While MT-LBs have previously been in service in support roles on both sides, Russia has long considered them unsuitable for most front-line infantry transport roles. It was originally designed in the 1950s as a tractor to pull artillery, has very limited armour, and only mounts a machine gun for protection. In contrast, most of Russia's first echelon assault units were equipped with BMP-2 infantry fighting vehicles in February, featuring armour up to 33mm thick and mounting a powerful 30mm autocannon and an anti-tank missile launcher. Despite President Putin's claim on 07 July 2022 that the Russian military has 'not even started' its efforts in Ukraine, many of its reinforcements are ad hoc groupings, deploying with obsolete or inappropriate equipment.
- **Occupation - Kherson** - In the Kherson region, invaders were unable to hire enough locals to form a "police" force, Ukrinform reports. "The Russian occupation forces in the Kherson region have not succeeded in setting up a police unit made up of local inhabitants. Therefore they were forced to bring in cadres from the so-called "LPR" and "DPR," the internationally unrecognized Russian puppet entities in eastern Ukraine."

Support

- **US** - a bipartisan group of legislators called ATACMS missiles to be given to Ukraine.

Pray Points – Latest

- **Donetsk** - Governor Pavlo Kyrylenko said the cities of Druzhkivka, Slovyansk, Chasovoy Yar, Hirnyk and Svitlodar had been attacked. The governor of the Luhansk region has said Russian forces are creating "hell" in shelling the Donetsk region. Serhiy Haidai said Russian forces fired 8 artillery shells, 3 mortar shells and launched 9 rocket strikes overnight.
- **Refugees** - Ukraine's deputy prime minister has asked all residents in the Russian-occupied regions of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia to "evacuate by all possible means". "Please leave – our army will begin

retaking these areas. Our determination is rock solid. And it will be very difficult later to open humanitarian corridors when children are involved," said Iryna Vereshchuk, according to Ukrainian media.

- **Severodonetsk** - Sergey Haidai, Luhansk Governor, "In Sievierodonetsk, 80% of housing was destroyed or damaged. Some people try to return for things, but more and more often ... they find an empty apartment, even if it survived. Having entered the city, the Russians first deported part of the local population, took away the keys, and then began to rob everything. They drive up to high-rise buildings in trucks. If the furniture is good, they take it away. It is no longer just about household appliances. The city is on the verge of a humanitarian disaster – there is no centralised water supply, gas supply, or electricity supply. Since the end of February, the occupiers have been shelling critical infrastructure facilities, destroying them almost completely. They will not be able to repair anything. Because even in peacetime, such a volume of restoration can be done in six months to a year. If materials and skilled workers are available. Russians have neither that nor the other. Big problem with sewage. Treatment plants are not working, as well as pumping stations. Sewage accumulates. Add to that the air temperature. And the stench from the dead – those who were buried in yards, and many remain in apartments and entrances. Sievierodonetsk is witnessing a humanitarian disaster." It is thought that around as many as 15,000 civilians may still be in the city, which has been a key strategic point for the Russian occupation of the Luhansk region.
- **Sloviansk** - Mayor Vadym Lyakh said about 23,000 people out of 110,000 were still in Sloviansk but claimed Russia had been unable to surround the city. The governor of the Donetsk region has also urged 350,000 civilians to evacuate in light of an imminent Russian offensive. Pavlo Kyrylenko said that getting people out is necessary to save lives and to enable the Ukrainian army to better defend towns from the Russian advance. The battle for Sloviansk is likely to be the next key contest in the struggle for Donbas as Russian forces approach within 16km of the Donetsk town, the UK Ministry of Defense said on Wednesday. Russian forces from the eastern and western groups of forces are likely now around 16km north of Sloviansk as central and southern groups of forces also pose a threat to the

town, according to the latest British intelligence report.

- **UK** - British Prime Minister Boris Johnson agreed to resign Thursday after days of defections crippled the controversial leader and left him unable to govern. Boris Johnson is to stand down as Conservative Party leader, but intends to carry on as prime minister until the autumn
- **Corruption** - Besides fighting Russia, Ukraine must also actively combat corruption in order to unleash a massive influx of reconstruction money, the head of the UN development agency told AFP. Fighting corruption -- endemic in Ukraine long before the Russian invasion -- will "prevent theft from its own people", United Nations Development Programme administrator Achim Steiner said. Corruption is theft from development, from the public coffers and ultimately from citizens themselves, the UNDP chief said, on the sidelines of the Lugano reconstruction conference.
- **Bakhmut** - Klyнове, 8 km East of Bakhmut, has fallen to the Russian invasion army Brigadier General Oleksiy Gromov noted that Russian forces around Bakhmut have a distinct advantage in terms of force and means. Gromov stated that Russian forces are conducting operations towards Soledar, which lies just northeast of Bakhmut along the T0513 Bakhmut-Siversk highway, and suggests that Russian forces additionally seek to interdict Ukrainian lines of communication along the T0513.
- **Lysychansk** - Ukraine has withdrawn. Russia will shift the main focus of its war in Ukraine to trying to seize all of the Donetsk region after capturing neighbouring Luhansk, the Luhansk region's governor Serhai Haidai has said. He claimed about 8,000 civilians remain in occupied Sievierodonetsk and about 10,000 in newly occupied Lysychansk. "We maintain the defense of a small part of Luhansk region so that our military has time to build defences."
- **Donetsk** - Serhiy Gaidai said in an interview that he expected the city of Sloviansk and the town of Bakhmut in particular to come under attack as Russia tries to take full control of the Donbas in eastern Ukraine.
- **Odessa** - two enemy missile carriers, with more than a dozen cruise missiles on board, continue to be present in the northwestern part of the Black Sea, posing a threat of strikes across Ukraine. "Three large landing craft have joined them. Not feeling

protected, they keep a safe distance from the Ukrainian coast," the military added.

- **Belarus** - Lukashenka claims Ukrainian military attempted to strike military installations in Belarus, but all missiles were intercepted. Says now Belarusian missiles aimed to "centers of decision making against Belarus." Lukashenka says that Minsk doesn't want to take part in the war in Ukraine. Says Putin doesn't use nuclear blackmail. Says Minsk and Moscow should be ready to respond to "aggressive actions by the West" in 24 hours
- **Belgorod** - At least three people were killed and dozens of homes damaged by blasts in the Russian city of Belgorod near the Ukraine border, the regional governor said on Sunday, while Ukrainian forces struck a Russian military base in occupied southern Ukraine. At least 11 apartment buildings and 39 houses were damaged, including five that were destroyed, Gladkov said on the Telegram messaging app. Senior Russian lawmaker Andrei Klishas accused Ukraine of shelling Belgorod and called for a stern response. "The death of civilians and the destruction of civilian infrastructure in Belgorod are a direct act of aggression on the part of Ukraine and require the most severe - including a military - response," Klishas wrote on Telegram. The Ukrainian Armed Forces launched a "deliberate strike" on residential areas of Belgorod with three Tochka-U ballistic missiles with cluster munitions, the Russian Defense Ministry said. According to the department, all the missiles were destroyed by air defense systems, but fragments of one of them fell on a residential building. "Also, Russian air defense systems destroyed two Tu-143 Reis Ukrainian reactive unmanned aerial vehicles stuffed with explosives on their way to Kursk," Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said at a briefing. According to him, the missile strike was "purposefully planned and carried out against the peaceful civilian population of Russian cities."
- **Logistics** - Konstantyn Nemichev, stated that Ukrainian forces will use US-provided HIMARS rocket artillery systems to disrupt Russian Ground Lines of Communication or GLOCs running through Vovchansk, Kupyansk, and Izyum. Kupyansk is a significant logistical hub for Russian forces operating on the Kharkiv axis and is located approximately 50km from the frontline. Vovchansk lies approximately 15-20 km from the frontline, but Russian operations in northern Kharkiv have prevented Ukrainian forces from targeting

Vovchansk with indirect fire thus far. Russian GLOCs to Izyum are the most exposed, approximately 15km east of the nearest frontline, and NASA FIRMS heat anomaly detection has observed heat anomalies consistent with indirect fire attacks in wooded areas west of Izyum in recent weeks. Most Russian major ammunition depots and support stations along the Kharkiv axis would be within the range of HIMARS systems that would cover the Kharkiv axis.

- **Kharkiv** - Located 25 miles from the Russian border, Kharkiv has great strategic importance as the gateway to the east of Ukraine. Russia tried to conquer it during the first week of the war, sending columns of tanks and military police units towards the city. Apart from a short lull some three weeks ago, Russia's relentless shelling of the city, coming mostly out of the Russian border town of Belgorod, never stopped, destroying more than 2,000 buildings and killing more than 900 civilians in the process, according to the regional governor, Oleh Synehubov. Over the last two weeks, the city has seen some of the heaviest bombardments since the start of the war, and there are fears among senior Ukrainian officials, as well as local military heads, that a renewed Russian offensive is looming. The Russians usually start with rocket attacks, then heavy artillery comes in, and then they move in with tanks and infantry. We see the first part already happening," Andrey Mogyla, a Ukrainian soldier, said. Equally concerning, according to Mogyla, were the recent bits of intelligence from "western partners" that his team received, including satellite images that showed Russia massing new troops and military hardware on the frontlines near Kharkiv. According to Mogyla, about 100 army units, including 50 tanks and eight battalions, were moved there three weeks ago on the eastern side of Kharkiv near the Russian-occupied village of Shevchenkove.
- **Kherson** - Russian military detained Kherson mayor Ihor Kolykhaev. Meanwhile Russian authorities continued to take measures to strengthen the economic integration of occupied areas into Russian systems on June 27. First Deputy Head of the Kherson Oblast Council Yury Sobolevskyi stated on June 26 that Russian authorities are opening the first branch of the Russian state-backed Promsvyazbank in Kherson Oblast. Sobolevskyi added that Russian authorities are distributing one-time 10,000-ruble payments to "almost everyone" to foster economic reliance on the ruble economy.

Ukraine's Southern Operational Command additionally reported that Russian authorities in Kherson City are seizing banking institutions and issuing Russian salary cards to those working in enterprises that have been co-opted by Russian occupation authorities. Such actions are likely intended to force occupied areas to become increasingly reliant on the ruble, stimulating long term integration into the Russian economy.

- **Drones** - Ukrainian forces have largely halted the use of Turkish Bayraktar drones, which were used to great effect earlier in the war, due to improvements in Russian air-defense capabilities. Ukrainian officials are reportedly increasingly concerned that US-provided Gray Eagle strike drones will also be shot down by reinforced Russian air defense over the Donbas.
- **Weapons** – Pray for the German, French and Italian leaders today to bring to Kiev heavy weapons and not pressure to concede to Russian demands.
- **Mariupol** - Only 3% of Mariupol residents have access to water, according to the Russian-occupied southern Ukrainian city's mayoral adviser, Petro Andriushchenko. Residents are being forced to take water everywhere, "including sewage wells", Andriushchenko said. There are no doctors left in the city, he said, leaving more than 100,000 people without healthcare and medication. Mayor Vadim Boychenko, the administration said "more than 100,000 people who still remain in the city do not have access to drinking water. Currently, the occupiers provide it once a week. Residents stand in line for 4-8 hours. They are on the verge of death. This is a humanitarian catastrophe. Therefore, we must do everything possible to open a green corridor and save people," the mayor said. He added that Russians and "collaborators" had also restricted residents' access to food. "At the same time, the city is left without gas, light and drainage system." Now there is a major outbreak of cholera as the officials of the Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) continue 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.

- **Izyum/Slovyansk** - Russian forces continued to prepare to advance on Slovyansk from southeast of Izyum and west of Lyman. Right now Ukrainian forces are likely conducting a counteroffensive northwest of Izyum intended to draw Russian forces away from offensive operations toward Slovyansk and disrupt Russian supply lines and are making minor gains.
- **Russian Navy** - Ukraine's Southern Operational Command additionally reported that Russian forces are restructuring their naval grouping to include more submarines, which is a likely response to successful Ukrainian attacks on Russian naval assets in the Black Sea.
- **Zaporozhia** – Russia is repositioning forces to reinforce the front here.
- **Navalny** – on June 21, the Russian opposition leader has been moved secretly prison IK-2 in Pokrov, 100km to the northeast of Moscow without notifying any of his people or supporters of where he is being taken. Alexei Navalny said in May that he could be transferred to the maximum security colony IK-6 in Melekhovo in the Vladimir region. "My sentence has not yet entered into force, but the prisoners from the strict regime colony Melekhovo (another 150 km further to the east) write that they are equipping a "prison within a prison" for me," Navalny said.
- **Casualties** - Approximately 10,000 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed since Russia's invasion of the country in February, according to a military adviser to Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskiy. He added that the daily numbers of Ukrainian casualties were around "200 to 300 die, no less."
- **Donbas** – Shelling continues incessantly
- **POWs** - Occupation authorities in parts of Donetsk region of Ukraine sentenced POWs, Britons Aiden Aslin, 28, and Shaun Pinner, 48 and citizen of Morocco Saadun Bragim to death. All three were charged under the articles of the Criminal Code of the DPR "Forcible seizure of power or forcible retention of power" and "Mercenary". According to Alexander Nikulin, presiding in the court, the convicts pleaded guilty to all charges. They have a month to appeal the court's decision. All three intend to appeal. One of the lawyers for the convicts, Pavel Kosovan, said that, most likely, foreigners would ask the head of the DPR, Denis Pushilin, for a pardon. UK foreign secretary, Liz

Truss, has said the men are entitled to combatant immunity as prisoners of war. "The judgement against them is an egregious breach of the Geneva convention," Truss said. "The UK continues to back Ukraine against Putin's barbaric invasion." In addition, two former US Marines from Alabama were captured near Kharkiv, Alexander Druke, 39, and Andy Huynh, 29, and the Kremlin has indicated they will treat them in the same way, as mercenaries.

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **NATO** - Even as Finland and Sweden apply to join along, Turkey continues to veto it even as negotiations continue.
- **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 grain 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
 - **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