

# Novena For Ukraine and Russia

Holy Cross Prayer Service for Peace: **Monday, March 21 at 7-8pm**



## Pray for Ukraine and Russia

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, intends to consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Annunciation. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are suffering due to violence and aggression, we have been asked by the Ukrainian Catholic bishops to pray for world peace by offering a novena. Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokryzcki of Lviv wrote:

*We are calling on all Christians in Ukraine to join the novena, and we would be very grateful if the whole Church around the world would join us in prayer for this intention.*

## Novena Prayer

Mary, Queen of Peace please preserve our world from the madness of war.

Reunite families torn apart.

Comfort frightened children.

Console the sick and elderly who suffer alone.

Shield men and women defending their homes.

Change the hearts of leaders to seek peaceful solutions.

Bring harmony to our broken world.

We ask all this through your help and intercession, Most Blessed Mother, as you lead and direct us each day into greater love for and obedience to your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be...

## Prayer Intentions

Pray the daily intention below and the Novena Prayer (bottom left). Archbishop Bellisario also encourages praying the rosary and/or fasting.

### Day 1

Today we pray for an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference.

### Day 2

Today we pray our homes, nations, and countries around the world become havens of peace.

### Day 3

Today we pray for healing and justice for all those who have experienced violence and racism.

### Day 4

Today we pray for the grace to see every human being as a child of God—regardless of race, language, or culture.

### Day 5

Today we pray for the protection of all first responders and members of the military who risk their lives daily to ensure our safety.

### Day 6

Today we pray for our faith community, that we may respond boldly to the Holy Spirit's call to act together to end violence in our world.

### Day 7

Today we pray for leaders around the world, that they may find ways to bring an end to war and violence and promote peaceful development for all nations.

### Day 8

Today we pray for solidarity in our global human family, that we may work together to protect those who are most vulnerable and most in need.

### Day 9

Today we pray that the Lord grants us peace, teaches us peace, and guides our steps in the way of peace.