



orrow following the invasion of Ukraine.

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It follows a call from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to set aside this Sunday as a day of prayer.Â

The Church of England has made [prayer resources available](#)Â online.Â

On Thursday, both Archbishops issued a pastoral letter to the clergy and people of the Church of England, calling on them to pray for peace in Ukraine. Â

They wrote: âThis attack is an act of evil, imperilling as it does the relative peace and security that Europe has enjoyed for so long.

âThe attack by one nation on a free, democratic country has rightly provoked outrage, sanctions, and condemnation. Â

âWe lament with the people of Ukraine, and we pray for the innocent, the frightened and those who have lost loved ones, homes, and family. Â

âWe continue to call for a ceasefire and the withdrawal of Russian forces as well as wide-ranging efforts to ensure peace, stability and security.âÂ

The Church of Englandâs Bishop in Europe, Robert Innes, has also [recorded a message urging people to pray](#).

In a video he recorded in Brussels, Bishop Robert spoke of the Church of England congregation of Christ Church, Kyiv, Ukraine. Â

âOur little church in Kyiv are right at the centre of this crisis,â he explained.Â

âSome of them have fled the city by car, others are still there.Â

âThese are our people, our brothers and sisters, and of course we are very concerned for their wellbeing and safety.Â

âIn the face of military action and aggression, we feel powerless. What can we do? One thing that we can all do is pray.âÂ

More information:Â

- The Church of England is also supporting a call from Pope Francis for a Global Day of Prayer and fasting next week on Ash Wednesday.
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