



THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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Dear faithful people of the Diocese of South Carolina,

Our hearts and prayers continue to be with the people of Ukraine as we enter a third month since Russian troops invaded and began attacking their country. Many of our congregations have recognized this as a call for prayer and financial support. Thank you for your efforts. If you have not already, I invite each congregation to choose a Sunday and dedicate a specific eucharistic prayer for the Ukrainian people and/or consider asking for a special offering to Episcopal Relief & Development. This important organization is working with the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe and ecumenical partners in the region to provide direct relief to people in Ukraine as well as to those who have fled the country as refugees.

We all continue to hope and pray for an end to this senseless war in Ukraine. The Episcopal Church has been vocal in supporting the Ukrainian people and the urgent need to bring an end to this needless suffering. During the gathering of the House of Bishops last month, we issued a statement condemning Russia's aggression against Ukraine, "an independent, sovereign nation that has posed no threat to others beyond its borders."

Additionally, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry joined other presiding bishops and archbishops of the Anglican Communion's provinces in a strong statement that was issued on March 31 during their Primates' Meeting. In it, the group called for "an immediate ceasefire and the withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine."

Episcopal Relief & Development has provided resources to help congregations request support [on their website at this link](#). Learn more about their efforts and find a link to donate [at this link](#). Thank you for all that you do to share God's love with people in all lands, both near and far.

Faithfully yours,

The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley
Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina