

Special Petitions at the Divine Liturgy

His Eminence, Metropolitan Hilarion, has instructed the parish rectors and monastery abbots of the Eastern American Diocese to continue using the following special petitions and **new prayer** for peace in Ukraine, which have been blessed and sanctioned by His Holiness, Patriarch Kyrill, until further notice.

– June 4/17, 2014

AT THE AUGMENTED LITANY

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That Thou mightest enlighten with the light of Thy divine wisdom the minds of those darkened with hardness of heart, and fortify Thy faithful in the Ukrainian land, keeping them unharmed, we pray Thee, O All-Merciful Creator, hearken and have mercy.

Thou Who hast given us Thy commandment to love Thee, our God, and our neighbour: make to cease all hatred, hostility, offence, graft, and the spilling of blood, that charity might reign in the hearts of the people of the Ukrainian land, we pray Thee, O our Saviour, hearken and have mercy.

further this **PRAYER**

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, look down with Thy merciful eye upon the sorrow and greatly-painful cry of Thy children, abiding in the Ukrainian land.

Deliver Thy people from civil strife, make to cease the spilling of blood, and turn back the misfortunes set against them. Lead unto sanctuary those bereft of shelter, feed the hungry, comfort those who weep, and unite the divided.

Leave not Thine own flock, who abide in sorrows on account of their kinsmen, to diminish, but rather, as Thou art benevolent, give speedy reconciliation. Soften the hearts of the unmerciful and convert them to the knowledge of Thee. Grant peace to Thy Church and to Her children, that with one heart and one mouth we may glorify Thee, our Lord and Saviour, unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

AT THE LITANY FOR THE DEPARTED

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