Our goal is to raise significant funds to offer practical support to the people of Ukraine who now find themselves in Ireland as displaced persons. We do so in a spirt of prayerful concern for all who are devastated by war, violence and cruelty. We do so also in the spirit of Easter and of Resurrection, mindful of the suffering of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary. In this short act of worship, we have the opportunity to give voice to anxiety and to hope, in the confidence that God hears our cry and opens his ears to our prayers.

A Reading from psalm 61.1-5:

1. Hear my crying, O God, and listen to my prayer.
2. From the end of the earth I call to you with fainting heart; O set me on the rock that is higher than I.
3. For you are my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.
4. Let me dwell in your tent for ever and take refuge under the cover of your wings.
5. For you, O God, will hear my vows; you will grant the request of those who fear your name.

For those in the arena of war:

Almighty God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

For ourselves as we respond with compassion and generosity:

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life we may never forget thee, but remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For those who are injured by the violence of war in body or mind: **let us pray.**

For those who are bereaved: **let us pray.**

For those who have fled their homes: **let us pray.**

For those who have remained behind: **let us pray.**

For the Spirit of God to comfort and restore in times of war: **let us pray.**

Let us say together, each in our own language, the prayer Our Lord taught his disciples:

**Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. St John 20.19, 20.