



HOW TO ENGAGE THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE

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After weeks of tension and uncertainty, we all watched in horror as Russian strikes began on February 24th. UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi announced that over 50,000 Ukrainian refugees had fled the country within 48 hours of Russia's military attack.

A conflict like this will inevitably lead to a staggering number of displaced people, and the weight can feel impossible. We are limited in what we can do in a situation this large, but as followers of Jesus, we firmly believe in the power of prayer. We are praying for peace for Ukraine and for Ukrainians all over the world whose hearts are breaking at these events, for Russian peacemakers who are protesting this war at great risk to their own safety, and for the world's leaders to respond with wisdom and compassion for the most vulnerable. We invite you to pray with us, and to share our [Prayer for Ukraine](#) to call others to prayer as well.

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GoodGoodGood Co. and NPR each put together put together resource guides with information on organizations helping in Ukraine. A few organizations that we would like to highlight from these guides are:

Voices of Children helps children facing the trauma of war in eastern Ukraine.

Vostock-SOS provides assistance to those who are victims of violence and oppression. They provide legal assistance to internally displaced persons in Ukraine, as well as humanitarian aid to those in these conflict zones.

The Kyiv Independent is a media outlet created last year by journalists who were fired for standing up for their ethical values as reporters. This outlet is funding independently by donors, and could use support in reporting the facts on the ground in Ukraine.



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The effectiveness of volunteering and advocacy can be greatly multiplied when we join together in the work. Here are some ideas for engaging your church, family, and community in support of the Ukrainian people.

- Seek out community organizations and churches led by Ukrainians, and see how you can offer support. The Ukrainian Orthodox Church has locations across the United States, and could be a good place to start. Check [here](#) to see if there is a parish in your area.
- Engage with your local leaders to encourage financial support and aid for Ukraine, as well as a welcoming posture toward those who flee to the U.S. for safety.
- Stop the spread of disinformation by exercising discretion in the news sources you consume and the information that you share. Be wary of propaganda circulating online, take time to vet sources before you repost, and help hold your community accountable to sharing information in factual and respectful ways.