A prayer for Ukraine

Almighty God, Lord of history,  
Our lives are in your hands.  
As war continues to rage, hear our prayer:  
Receive the dead; comfort the bereaved;  
Stand by refugees and displaced persons;  
Heal the wounds of body and soul;  
Be close to everyone working to help those in need.  
Grant peace, reconciliation and understanding,  
even when everything seems hopeless.  
May truth triumph and not the clamour of war.

Lord, send your Holy Spirit down upon the earth,  
the Spirit that conquers division,  
the Spirit that leads to freedom,  
the Spirit that overcomes war.  
Lord of time and of eternity,  
Give our world the peace, which only you can give.  
Amen

℣. Our Lady, Queen of Peace.  
℟. Pray for us and the whole world.

Image: Christ Pantocrator in the chapel of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate near Kyiv.