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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

As the warning bells of war have been exchanged for the explosions of a tyrannical aggressor, a call to arms has been raised throughout Ukraine. A call to defend its territorial integrity, to defend its people, its history, language, customs and honor.

While much of this work must, of necessity, be left in the hands of those in Ukraine, those of us in the United States are not without weapons of our own. Our most powerful weapon is our ability to pray. To pray for the successful defense of all that is good, right and holy. To pray for the safety of the Ukrainian people and nation. To ask the Most Holy Mother of God to intercede on their behalf, to drape her mantle (veil) over them, to show us once again that she is our protector as she has so often in the past.

We also have the ability to support those who become refugees due to the war. Many people have already been displaced through the 8 years of war that have enveloped eastern Ukraine. This full-scale invasion will lead to many, many more. Their needs will be many and diverse. Food, clothing and shelter are only the basics that will need to be met immediately. Medical assistance, now and in the future, will be needed. More permanent housing, jobs, education, documents and much more will be needed.

I am asking, therefore, each of our pastors to take up a collection aid our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine. All funds will be sent to Ukraine in a secure manner. In the meantime, please keep praying for true peace in Ukraine and for the safety of her people.

Most Reverend Bohdan J Danylo
Bishop of Saint Josaphat