

## List of Reactions on Russian aggression in Ukraine

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1) **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** 13.02.2022:

<https://www.ecupatria.org/2022/02/24/call-for-peace-in-ukraine-from-the-ecumenical-patriarch/>

2) **Metropolitan Hilarion (Alfeyev) of Volokolamsk**, 20.02.2022 (video

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GgWTipD5kyYW1joyYyWHi2yeMjWlz7g7/view>, transcribed by me):

Я не могу комментировать цели, с которыми президент США обращается к русскому народу, но я думаю, что любой диалог, в создавшихся условиях полезен. Диалог может принимать разнообразные формы. Самое важное, чтобы сохранился мир, прежде всего мир между Россией и Украиной.

Мы хорошо помним, как американцы действовали на Ближнем Востоке, мы помним какая ситуация сложилась в Ираке, после их вторжения, мы помним, что произошло в Ливии и очень бы не хотелось, чтобы что-либо подобное повторилось на нашем историческом пространстве. А для нас, людей Церкви, для представителей РПЦ, и Россия, и Украина, и Белоруссия, и другие сопредельные государства – это государства, где живет наша паства и мы болеем за их судьбу не меньше, чем мы болеем за судьбу России.

И в этом отношении, конечно, для Русской Православной Церкви вся эта ситуация особенно болезненна, потому что наши люди находятся и на той, и на другой стороне. Так же, как когда мы говорим о Донбассе. Вот, мы знаем, что часть Донбасса принадлежит к непризнанным республикам ДНР и ЛНР, часть Донбасса относится к Украине. Между ними разделительная линия, а наша паства, она живет на той стороне и на другой стороне. И наши архиереи имеют епархии, у которых есть приходы и там, и там. Т.е. архиерей, для того чтобы посещать приходы своей епархии, он должен постоянно переезжать через эту разделительную линию. Но проблема касается не только архиереев. Проблема касается и простых людей, у многих из которых семьи разделены. Часть семьи живет в одной стороне, часть семьи живет в другой стороне.

Поэтому, чем скорее прекратится это противостояние, чем быстрее решатся накопившиеся проблемы, тем это будет лучше. И, конечно, мы молимся о том, чтобы проблемы решились не военным, а мирным путем.

И я очень надеюсь, на то, что на обеих сторонах конфликта хватит мудрости и мужества для того, чтобы выйти на переговорный процесс и решить накопившиеся проблемы именно путем переговоров.

- 3) **Patriarch Kirill of Moscow**, 23.02.2022:  
<http://www.patriarchia.ru/db/text/5903402.html>
- 4) **All-Ukrainian Council of Churches** 23.02.2022:  
<https://vrciro.org.ua/ru/statements/uccro-calls-on-president-putin-to-stop-the-war>
- 5) **Pope Francis** 23.02.2022:  
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2022/documents/20220223-udienza-generale.html>
- 6) **Metropolitan Jozef Stanewski, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Minsk** 23.02.2022:  
<https://catholic.by/3/news/announcements/14323-23-lyutaga-artsybiskup-stane-ski-pamolitstva-za-abarontsa-ajchyny>

#### Others:

1. **Epiphany, Metropolitan of Kyiv**, autocephalous Orthodox Church of Ukraine:  
<https://www.pomisna.info/uk/vsi-novyny/zvernennya-mytropolitya-epifaniya-z-pryvodu-napadu-na-ukrayinu/>
2. **Onuphriy, Metropolitan of Kyiv**, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Moscow Patriarchate:  
<https://news.church.ua/2022/02/24/obrashhenie-blazhennejshego-mitropolita-kievskogo-vseya-ukrainy-onufriya-k-vernym-grazhdanam-ukrainy/>, translated into English by WCC:  
<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/in-ukraine-such-a-war-has-no-excuse-neither-from-god-nor-from-people>
3. **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew**: <https://ec-patr.org/the-ecumenical-patriarch-condemns-the-unprovoked-russian-invasion-of-ukraine-and-expresses-his-solidarity-to-the-suffering-ukrainian-people/>
4. **Patriarch Kirill of Moscow**: <http://www.patriarchia.ru/db/text/5903795.html>
5. **Patriarch Elias of Georgia**: <https://patriarchate.ge/news/2914>
6. **Archbishop Tikhon of the Orthodox Church in America**: <https://www.oca.org/holy-synod/statements/his-beatitude-metropolitan-tikhon/statement-on-war-in-ukraine>

7. **European Bishops of ROCOR:** <https://orthodox-europe.org/content/statement-on-conflicts-in-ukraine/>
8. **American ROCOR:**  
[http://www.synod.com/synod/eng2022/20220224\\_enmhstatementukraine.html](http://www.synod.com/synod/eng2022/20220224_enmhstatementukraine.html)
9. **Vladimir, Metropolitan of Chişinău and all Moldova (Russian Orthodox Church):**  
<https://mitropolia.md/ips-mitropolit-vladimir-sa-ne-rugam-cu-totii-pentru-o-buna-intelegere-intre-popoare-fiind-in-profunda-rugaciune-alaturi-de-cei-suferinzi/>
10. **Metropolitan Veniamin of Minsk, Belarusian Orthodox Church, Moscow Patriarchate:** <http://church.by/news/-36>
11. **Patriarch Daniel of Romania**  
<https://basilica.ro/en/patriarch-daniel-calls-for-end-to-war-in-ukraine-urges-prayers-for-peace/>
12. **Orthodox Church of Greece - Abp. Ieronymus**  
<https://orthodoxtimes.com/archbishop-of-athens-i-am-shocked-my-thoughts-and-prayers-to-our-ukrainian-brothers/>
13. **Bishop Neophytos of Nyeri and Mt Kenya, African Orthodox Church of Kenya**

It is absolutely immoral, illegal, unjustifiable, unacceptable and inhumane for Russia to stage war, eliminate innocent lives because of their selfish interests. It pains and hurts me when I hear children screaming their hearts out for survival, people who are bloody bodied all-over looking helpless. It is now clear and worrying that Russia is not ready to listen to the member States of good will calling for ceasefire.

Having said that, Africa should be equally worried and concerned as well at the blink of an eye. We should be seriously concerned and alert and be ready to ask ourselves tough questions about their intended Orthodox mission work in Africa. That it is not only offensive but seem to indicate a planned humiliating attack on our continent now or in the future. The priests from Russia who entered Kenya and Tanzania came in and started invading our churches and wooing our clergy to become their disciples without following the right protocol. They are now everywhere else in Africa asking us to be against the Greek Bishops. However, in the real sense they are asking us to go against ourselves. That's why they are now calling us Greeks and themselves Russians. Who bewitched us???

Anyway anyhow, if anything happens that will hurt or injure our people, then those who have embraced their mission ideology and prayers should be held responsible and answerable. The signing of oaths, hefty promises being peddled are good signs of creating hatred or jealousy among people especially between the clergy and the faithful. hence internal conflicts. Remember, no war is ever a small war.

I appeal therefore unworthy as I am, to the Ministry of Interior of our Country Kenya, to be vigilant, keen, professional and diplomatic in analyzing their intended mission if its trustworthy and genuine. We need to ask tough questions at this point as genuine Orthodox Christians who love this country, our African Orthodox Church of Kenya (AOCK)

and each other. We should remain alert, vigilant and smart because things don't seem always to be what they are meant to be. Let us not betray our heritage, you have all seen the gospel, this is something else that is far from the gospel.

Let us earnestly pray for bleeding Ukraine, they need our unceasing prayers. Lord have Mercy.

14. **Archbishop Svyatoslav of Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church:**

[http://news.ugcc.ua/ru/articles/obrashchenie\\_blazhenneyshego\\_svyatoslava\\_po\\_povodu\\_nachala\\_voyni\\_v\\_ukraine\\_95776.html](http://news.ugcc.ua/ru/articles/obrashchenie_blazhenneyshego_svyatoslava_po_povodu_nachala_voyni_v_ukraine_95776.html)

15. **Conference of Catholic Bishops in Russia:**

<http://catholic-russia.ru/2022/obrashhenie-konferenczii-katolicheskikh-episkopov-rossii/>

16. **Cardinal Parolin, Holy See:**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2022-02/parolin-may-those-who-hold-the-fate-of-the-world-in-their-hands.html>

17. **Gintaras Grušas, chief of CCEE:**

<https://www.niedziela.pl/arttykul/77488/Biskupi-Europy-apeluja-o-pokoj-na>

18. **Stanisław Gądecki, chief of Conference of Catholic Bishops in Poland:**

<https://www.ekai.pl/apel-przewodniczacego-episkopatu-w-zwiazku-z-inwazja-rosyjska-na-ukraine/>

19. **Aleh Butkevich, chief of Conference of Catholic Bishops in Belarus:**

<https://www.ekai.pl/apel-przewodniczacego-episkopatu-w-zwiazku-z-inwazja-rosyjska-na-ukraine/>

20. **Russian Baptist Union:**

<https://baptist.org.ru/news/main/view/article/1640363>

21. **Belarusian Pentecostal Union:**

<https://оцхве.бел/news/?id=3218>

22. **WCC:**

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-calls-for-an-immediate-end-to-the-current-armed-hostilities>

23. **WCC:**

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-urges-president-putin-to-stop-war-restore-peace-to-ukraine>

24. **Belarusian Christian Vision Group:**

<https://belarus2020.churchby.info/statement-of-the-christian-vision-working-group-of-the->

[coordination-council-regarding-military-aggression-against-fraternal-ukraine-and-alexander-lukashenkos-regime-involvement/](#)

25. **Archbishops of Canterbury and York:**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/attack-ukraine-act-great-evil-statement-archbishops-canterbury-and>

26. **CEC, WCRC, LWF, WMC:**

<https://www.ceceurope.org/ukraine-cec-together-with-christian-global-organisations-condemns-assault-calls-for-peace-invites-to-prayer/>

27. European Ecumenical Peace movement **Church and Peace:**

<https://www.church-and-peace.org/en/2022/02/war-in-ukraine-voices-and-activities-from-the-church-and-peace-network/>

28. **Church of Scotland**

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2022/articles/church-calls-for-renewed-peacemaking-efforts-in-ukraine>

Prayer for Peace here: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2022/articles/worship-leaders-encouraged-to-use-prayer-for-peace-this-sunday>

Picked up by the BBC here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-60506126>

29. **Polish Ecumenical Council announced** yesterday evening its statement on Russia's military attack on Ukraine.

*English* <https://ekumenia.pl/content/uploads/2022/02/In-solidarity-with-Ukraine-EN-statement-of-Polish-Ecumenical-Council.pdf>

*German* <https://ekumenia.pl/content/uploads/2022/02/Solidarisch-mit-der-Ukraine-DE-Erklaerung-des-Polnischen-Oekumenischen-Rates.pdf>

*Polish* <https://ekumenia.pl/czytelnia/stanowiska-polskiej-rady-ekumenicznej/solidarni-z-ukraina/>

*Ukrainian* <https://ekumenia.pl/content/uploads/2022/02/In-solidarity-with-Ukraine-UA-statement-of-Polish-Ecumenical-Council.pdf>

*Russian:* <https://ekumenia.pl/content/uploads/2022/02/In-solidarity-with-Ukraine-RU-statement-of-Polish-Ecumenical-Council.pdf>

30. **French News from Constantin Sigov :**

<https://www.mediapart.fr/journal/international/250222/c-est-le-jour-le-plus-dur-de-notre-vie-devant-la-catastrophe-de-tchernobyl>

31. **Statement of the Consistory of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland:**

[https://en.luteranie.pl/nowosci/consistory\\_statement\\_on\\_russias\\_aggression.html](https://en.luteranie.pl/nowosci/consistory_statement_on_russias_aggression.html)

and the Presiding Bishop:

[https://en.luteranie.pl/nowosci/appeal\\_for\\_prayers\\_and\\_support\\_for\\_ukraine.html](https://en.luteranie.pl/nowosci/appeal_for_prayers_and_support_for_ukraine.html)

32. PDF: **Statement of the bishops of the Orthodox Church of Finland** EN\_RU\_26.2.2022
33. PDF: **Statement of Estonian Council of Churches**, made in public at on 24th of on February. On that day Republic of Estonia celebrated its 104th Anniversary of Independence with Ecumenical Worship Service in the Lutheran Cathedral of Saint Mary The Virgin in Tallinn. The Statement was made in the presence of President of State of Estonia and the presence of Diplomatic Corp. The statement was broadcasted online in Estonian National Television.
34. PDF: **Statement from the Mennonite Central Committee**
35. PDF: **Women's Appeal for Peace** from former Yugoslavia
36. Statement from the **International Association for Religious Freedom**, which is an association of the Remonstrant Church: <https://iarf.net/a-statement-on-the-war-in-ukraine>
37. PDF: **Statement from the Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities in Norway**
38. PDF: **Peace Appeal of the Finnish Ecumenical Council**, published 23 February 2022
39. **Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Albania:**  
SINCERE PRAYER FOR THE CESSATION OF THE WAR BETWEEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE: <https://orthodoxalbania.org/2020/en/2022/02/28/sincere-prayer-for-the-cessation-of-the-war-between-brothers-and-sisters-and-for-peace-in-ukraine/>
40. **Statement of the Czechoslovak Hussite church** from 2th March (in Czech and Ukraine language) is available on: <https://www.aktualne.ccsch.cz/9-aktualni-informace/1173-mir-ukrajine-vyjadreni-cirkve-ceskoslovenske-husitske.html>
41. **Statement from the Bishop Council of the Czechoslovak Hussite Church** from 24th March: English version attached, Czech version here: <https://www.aktualne.ccsch.cz/pastorace/1161-vyjadreni-biskupu-cirkve-ceskoslovenske-husitske-k-situaci-na-ukrajine.html>
42. PDF: **Open letter to the church leaders in Russia from the Czech Republic** (Czech, Russian and in English), dated March 2, 2022.  
Czech version here: <https://www.aktualne.ccsch.cz/reakce-cirkvi/1170-cirkve-zadaji-duchovni-v-rusku-at-se-zasadi-o-mir.html>

43. APPEAL OF THE CLERGY OF THE **RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH** WITH A CALL FOR RECONCILIATION AND AN END TO THE WAR:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yOGuXjdFQ1A3BQaEEQr744cwDzmSQ1qePaaBi4z6q3w/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yOGuXjdFQ1A3BQaEEQr744cwDzmSQ1qePaaBi4z6q3w/viewform?edit_requested=true)
44. **Kathpress**: Russia: Priests of the Moscow Patriarchate call for an end to the war  
<https://www.kathpress.at/goto/meldung/2118236/russland-priester-des-moskauer-patriarchats-fordern-ende-des-kriegs>
45. PDF: **Statement from Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church**, issued 1 March 2022
46. PDF: **Statement of the Standing Committee of the National Ecumenical Council of Churches in Austria**
47. PDF: **Statement from IEF on Ukraine**
48. **Statement from CEC**  
<https://www.ceceurope.org/cec-president-urges-patriarch-kirill-to-raise-his-voice-against-ukraine-war/>
49. **Friends World Committee for Consultation** has issued a unifying Christian call for peace:  
<https://fwcc.world/christian-call-for-peace>,
50. **Statement from Russian Orthodox priests**:  
<https://www.katholisch.de/artikel/33336-priester-des-moskauer-patriarchats-fordern-kriegsende>
51. PDF: **Statement from the Christian Council of Norway**
52. **European Baptist Federation**:  
<https://mailchi.mp/c419ba984353/upcoming-ebf-events-14203960?e=676d7e4e8f>
53. Statement from **Council of Churches in Netherlands**:  
<https://www.raadvankerken.nl/nieuws/2022/03/raad-van-kerken-roept-kerken-op-vredestichters-te-zijn/>  
Attached in English: "53. RVK. Call Council of Churches in the NL.Ukraine"
54. **Religions for Peace Press Release** - European Council of Religious Leaders Appeal to Patriarch of Moscow:  
<https://rfpeurope.org/press-release-ecrl-appeal-to-patriarch-of-moscow>
55. PDF: Statement from **The Bishops' Conference of Church of Norway**