Prayer Points for Ukraine

We are grateful to Amy Richey, director of global equipping for ReachGlobal, a ministry of the Evangelical Free Church of America, for these <u>specific prayer</u> <u>points</u> that can help guide our prayers:

- 1. Ask to see God's glory amid great struggles. God often uses very serious situations to draw people to himself. Pray that he would be glorified through the people of Ukraine who are following him.
- Pray for God's peace to be a source of strength. Pray for the workers there

 both expat and Ukrainians to be comforted by God's *shalom* peace. Pray that they would have opportunities to share with others because they do not trust in governments, but in God.
- 3. Pray for God's protection. Pray for the safety of people on both sides of this border. Ask God for their physical protection but also their spiritual protection ask him to help people seek the truth during the conflict.
- 4. Ask God for comfort. As the war continues from the 2014 Russian invasion of the Crimea region, the thought of more intense war seems overwhelming to the many families who have already lost fathers and sons.
- 5. Ask God to intervene. Pray for wisdom as world leaders maneuver, strategize and speak out. Pray that God would move in their hearts and guide their steps and plans.
- 6. Pray that Ukraine and Russia would be places without corruption. Pray for leaders of both countries to know God's truth and peace and be transformed by his Holy Spirit, that they would seek to lead their countries in the way of peace.
- 7. Ask for repentance, grace, forgiveness and reconciliation throughout Ukraine and Russia. Pray not only for the leaders of these countries, but for the people — that they would not have animosity between them but be united in reconciliation.
- 8. Ask that this would open doors of opportunities for the gospel. God has a way of showing up when things are difficult. Pray that he would make his name known across Ukraine and Russia as the result of this conflict.

The NAE's public policy framework, <u>"For the Health of the Nation,"</u> articulates: "Jesus and the prophets looked forward to the time when God's reign would bring about just and peaceful societies in which people would enjoy the fruits of their labor without interference from foreign oppressors or unjust rulers. This biblical vision calls for more than the simple absence of violence." May it be so.