



7 DAY PRAYER GUIDE

Long-Term Development Work in Ukraine

Join us over the next 7 days as we pray for partnerships, initiatives, and team members doing work in Ukraine.

MORE INFORMATION:

This prayer guide highlights a specific community or initiative within One Collective, but around the world there are many communities where you can join what Jesus is doing today.

Work within One Collective happens in strategic community locations around the world, and is led by key leaders called “Catalysts” - who act like general contractors, bringing everyone in the community together around a vision for change.

To learn more about other communities, global strategy, or to sign up for more prayer guides, visit onecollective.org

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

1. Chose a date to begin prayer, and consider asking others to join you in praying for 7 days.
2. Each day, follow the prayer points on the following pages - read about the people, projects, and initiatives that are part of ongoing work.
3. After you’ve finished, take a moment to consider how you could get meaningfully involved in this community, or others around the world.



DIGITAL VERSION:

This prayer guide is also available digitally - with 7 days of prayer prompts sent directly to your email. If you’d like to sign up, scan the code and select this prayer guide from the list.



DAY 1

Pray for The Transform Uzhhorod Alliance

ABOUT

One Collective's focus around the world is centered on holistic and sustainable development. Our heart's desire is a world in which "no one is invisible" and where "food, freedom, and forgiveness" are equally accessible to all. In Ukraine, our goal is to unite our community in a fight against oppression. We established the Transform Uzhhorod Alliance as Ukraine's first holistically focused group ten years ago. We have worked together for the past decade to bring about change by uniting 26 churches, NGOs, businesses, educational institutions, government agencies, and individuals. As a result of the recent war, we now have a large influx of refugees and IDPs to care for as well.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. The eleven Alliance members who make up the IDP Project Group need your prayers. As they treat the hundreds of migrants and internally displaced people who pass through our border town every month, they are experiencing trauma fatigue.*
- 2. As the country transitions from an orphanage-based system to one based on foster family care, please pray for the Alliance members working on the Children at Risk Project Group. Please pray for their efforts to keep families together. Pray that churches would open foster homes and find people willing to take in children who have been abandoned. And pray against the adversary who seeks to maintain the status quo of oppressive orphanages.*
- 3. Keep members who are concerned with Special Needs Friends in your prayers. Pray that we can open the first 24-hour group house where Adult Friends can live as they continue being part of our community. When their current caregivers are no longer able to take care of them, they will be sent to a mental institution unless they can find a place in our Group Home.*
- 4. Pray for the Roma Community Project Group, which serves the most marginalized members of our society, including many low-income families who must resort to garbage diving to feed their children. Pray for them as they distribute food, medicine, training, employment opportunities, and, most importantly, the life-altering Gospel of Jesus Christ.*
- 5. Pray for our University Student Outreach. Most of our team and all the foreign students evacuated when the war broke out. Now that the students are trickling back, we need more volunteers to reassemble our team.*

Pray for New Community Connections

ABOUT

In the first stage of One Collective's strategy, a Catalyst goes out into the community to identify and mold potential changemakers. Then, in the next stage, all the agents of transformation are brought together to bring about wholistic change in the community. The final stage happens when these changemakers start spreading their work to other communities. In 2023, we moved into this third phase and began to actively seek out new communities to implement this strategy.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. First, please pray for our leaders as they set out on a journey across Ukraine to meet new change-makers and discover areas where transformation is needed.*
- 2. Please lift up the Transform Apostolove Alliance in prayer as it embarks on its mission. As a former war zone, this city bears the scars of years of conflict. After Russia blew up Kakhovka Dam, the town was left without a reliable water supply. When the government failed to provide adequate access to safe drinking water, the emerging Alliance stepped in to fill the void. They are also feeding the neighborhood every day and giving humanitarian goods from their food tent. Apostolove is fortunate to have a mayor who is a Christian and a member of this Alliance.*
- 3. In a city made infamous by the Russian crimes committed against it, we are also exploring the formation of the Transform Bucha Alliance with churches and NGOs. There is a great need for healing after so much violence and loss of life in this community.*
- 4. Pray for the Serving Victims of War Alliance, which is launching in Kyiv with intentions to expand throughout Ukraine to bring people together to serve the families that have suffered greatly due to this war. Please say a prayer for the families of the service members who are serving on the front lines. And please say a prayer for the families who have lost loved ones in this conflict. Please keep those who have lost everything and are rebuilding their lives in your prayers. Pray for peace in Ukraine.*

Pray for Roma Cultural Center & Playground

ABOUT

The Roma people, who have roamed all over the world for hundreds of years, are one of the most oppressed in Ukraine. In Uzhhorod alone, there are 5 squatter camps that are home to 8,500 Roma. Due to a lack of access to safe drinking water, many are afflicted with diseases like tuberculosis. We've been making an effort to get potable water to the camps where people are staying. Food and medication are supplied by other Alliance members. To join Ukrainian society as full citizens with all the rights that come with that status, others assist the Roma in obtaining the necessary legal documentation. Over the past decade, the Roma church has tripled in size as many people have come to faith in Christ after experiencing His love firsthand. The restoration of this community's sense of value via dignity is one of our primary objectives. In order to achieve this goal, we are constructing a Roma Cultural Center where the Roma can go to gain employment training, temporary housing, the promotion of Roma art, music, and dance, a nutritious meal, assistance with education from trained tutors, and even a place to wash off in the absence of running water. We will also be installing a playground that our Sister City of Corvallis, Oregon, has generously gifted to us.

PRAYER POINTS

1. *Please pray that we are able to raise the remaining funds to buy the house and land where the cultural center will be erected.*
2. *Pray that the playground improves family life in the Roma communities*
3. *Pray for the churches and volunteers who will be needed to run the many programs at this cultural center.*
4. *Pray that the Roma people will be reached by the Gospel through this cultural center.*

Pray for Sister Church Associations

ABOUT

Since half or more of Ukraine's population have fled their homes and many more have enlisted in the military, churches in Ukraine are struggling financially to maintain their ministries. The impact on tithes and offerings has been severe. The majority of churches struggle to cover basic operating expenses, let alone give their pastor a living wage. Most pastors must search for jobs to provide for their families giving them less time to minister to their flock. And the flock has become more traumatized as many victims of war have joined their communities. To help Ukrainian churches pay for things like a pastor's salary or utility bills, we've established a Sister Church Association that brings together congregations all throughout the United States and Europe. The Sister Church Association has assisted over twenty churches.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Please pray that strong relationships will be created between these Sister Churches that will bring glory to Christ and His church.*
- 2. Pray for the numerous Ukrainian churches that, without such support, are struggling to survive. I ask that you pray for more Western churches to join as Sister Churches.*
- 3. Please pray for the hundreds, or maybe thousands, of displaced people being cared for by Ukrainian churches, in addition to their regular ministry. You can pray for them to be effective witnesses for Jesus in their words and actions.*
- 4. Pray for the people in these churches that they will feel linked as the body of Christ. Ukrainian Christians ask that you pray for them as they often feel abandoned. Please pray that the Western churches' efforts to care for their Ukrainian brothers and sisters will be fruitful.*
- 5. Pray that these ties will continue long after the war is over, bringing the Kingdom of Christ even closer together.*

Pray for Longer-Term IDP Housing – Carpathian Homes

ABOUT

More and more families elected to stay in Uzhhorod, so we had to move them out of the makeshift shelters we had set up and into permanent homes. The kids shouldn't have to share a house with complete strangers. The lack of access to baths and washing machines made it unsanitary to continue using the floor as a bedroom. Two of our locations were the first to undergo this transformation, becoming private rooms with shared amenities. We've launched our tiny house construction initiative known as Carpathian Homes. The Huta IDP Community is the first option; it has sixteen individuals living in four dwellings. The budget for this undertaking has been raised. Second, we want to establish a church in the unreached community of Velyki Lazy by building a community of 18 houses and a clubhouse there. Finally, for our third endeavor, we will be constructing cabins at a camp we are building which will be used by internally displaced people to live in while the battle rages.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. To house a total of 96 persons from 25 families, please pray that sufficient funding will be made available for the construction of the Velyki Lazy IDP Community and the RD Camp and Retreat Center.*
- 2. Please pray for the families who will be moving into these houses and for the volunteers who will be there to show them Jesus' love. I ask that you pray that many of them will accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.*
- 3. Pray for the safety of the IDP families in our IDP villages. Say a prayer for protection from harm, illness, and war.*
- 4. The safety of our builders is our top priority, so please say a prayer for them. The construction of these houses requires the cooperation of volunteers and short-term teams. Also, please pray that Jesus will be glorified in these homes.*
- 5. Pray for the impact these homes will have on Ukraine long after the war is gone. The RD Camp and Retreat Center will use them to house campers, the Velyki Lazy IDP Community will convert into a leadership retreat center, and the remaining tiny houses will be rented out as BnBs to generate revenue for the cause of urban renewal in Ukraine and the relief of the oppressed.*

One Community Church (Velyki Lazy)

ABOUT

We started looking for an evangelical church to serve the residents of Velyki Lazy IDP Community as we were making plans to build its 18 dwellings. We looked in ten different settlements spread out over five miles and couldn't find a single one with an evangelical church. There was no Christian witness among the 11,500 residents of those communities. So, we added to our plans to plant One Community Church in Velyki Lazy.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Please pray that God would bring together a team of mature brothers and sisters in Christ to serve as leaders in this new church plant.*
- 2. Please pray that we have enough money to finish the construction. The structure's frame, roof, and siding are all up. We are unable to complete the interior work or buy the essential equipment for the church's operation due to a lack of cash.*
- 3. Third, pray for the people who will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ here. Please pray for the spiritual growth of Velyki Lazy and the nine surrounding settlements as a result of the church's presence there.*

Rebuild Ukraine Initiative

– STUD Frame Homes

ABOUT

The war with Russia has wreaked havoc on Ukraine. Whole cities have been destroyed, leaving survivors without any place to call home after the fighting stops. There will be a significant demand for new housing construction in Ukraine. Rather than the traditional brick and cement homes, which are more expensive and produce a larger carbon footprint, we have positioned ourselves to be a major contributor to that rebuilding effort by delivering frame dwellings. We have constructed a lumber factory where we can cut and dry our own wood, construct frames using cutting-edge, time-saving technologies, and educate our workforce so that they can erect these frames in a matter of weeks. We intend to construct two additional factories and plan to employ members of the Roma community.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Please pray that we are able to attract the generous investors who will help us grow STUD Frame Homes into a thriving social enterprise.*
- 2. Pray for our workers and their families that will receive employment via this venture. Please pray that we would be able to successfully communicate the love of Jesus with our staff.*
- 3. Pray that the Roma communities would flourish as a result of these new employment opportunities. Please pray that many Romani people would put their faith in Christ as a direct result of this.*
- 4. Pray for the people who will eventually call these houses their own. Pray for healing from the trauma they are enduring from the war, especially the children.*

Thank you so much for joining us in prayer! As you consider your role in what Jesus is doing around the world, here are three opportunities that connect you work happening today.

3 Ways You Can Meaningfully Engage in what Jesus is Doing Around the World:



MESSAGE THIS TEAM

Scan to send a message or prayer to this team - letting them know you are praying for work happening in their location.



CONSIDER SERVING

If you or someone you know is considering serving around the world, we would love to talk. Scan this link to learn about opportunities or schedule a conversation with a serving coach.



EXPLORE STRATEGIC GIVING

For those of us who are looking to create impact in our world that lasts - a tested strategy and focus on impact are essential. Scan to learn more about strategic giving.

