

PRAYER FOR RUSSIA AND THE PEOPLE OF RUSSIA

May all those in leadership and who make decisions alongside Vladimir Putin be builders of the human community rather than its destroyers. We ask for their humility as a people to understand the fears and hopes of other peoples.

We ask for the love it takes to bequeath to the children of the world to become more than the failures of our own making. We ask for the heart it takes to care for all the peoples of Ukraine and other bordering countries.

Give each of us and all those we pray for, the depth of soul, O God, to constrain our might, to resist the temptations of power to refuse to attack the attackable, to understand that vengeance begets violence, and to bring peace—not war—wherever we go. Amen

(Adapted from prayer by sister Joan Chittister)