



March 02, 2022

Lenten greetings to all of our dear Becoming Neighbours friends,

670000 refugees are crossing the borders from Ukraine to safety. Most are women and children who have been waiting up to 80 hours to cross at various border points in freezing weather. All others 18+ have remained in Ukraine to protect their homeland from the Russian invasion. Many of our religious congregations have members ministering in Ukraine. They have chosen to remain to accompany the people and to bear witness to both scenes of suffering and dehumanization as well as scenes of resilience and compassion.

Today, Ash Wednesday, Pope Francis is urging each and every citizen of the world to engage in a Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Peace. He is calling for dialogue to end the Russia-Ukraine conflict. *With Pope Francis, we “appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies,” and we call upon all involved to “refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.”*

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

You are invited to a ZOOM Prayer on **Thursday evening, March 3, at 6 PM (CST)** to pray for peace for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

(The prayer will last 15-20 minutes, and will be led by Kathy Sherman, CSJ)

Please feel free to share this [ZOOM link](#), Meeting ID and Passcode with others.

Meeting ID: 815 6859 3111 **Passcode:** 593402

(Shared by Noreen Allossery-Walsh, OSU)

Please find attached the “Fridge Notes for Companions”.

“Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.” (FT #8)

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