



ЛИЦАРІ КОЛУМБА В УКРАЇНІ
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN UKRAINE
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Dear Brother Knights,

It is day 20 of the WAR, though it feels much longer. These past 20 days have been filled with a lot of hardship and pain for all of our Knights and also for the millions of Ukrainians, some of whom have lost loved ones, others roofs over their heads and their livelihoods, but none of them hope. As painful as this time has been, we also saw the light of kindness and support pouring from within and from outside. This war has brought out the best in our brother Knights, fellow citizens and also in those who are looking with horror from outside of our borders.

As Catholics, we believe, unconditionally, in the power of prayer. Many of you have assured us of your prayers, and we believe that those are the powerful invisible weapons protecting our homeland alongside our soldiers defending it with guns. We are most grateful for your prayers and ask that you continue praying and not get weary, just as those soldiers can't afford to get tired or weary.

During this Lenten season, the definition of almsgiving has been expanded like never before. We are humbled by your generosity towards the refugees, those who have become homeless, widowed, or orphaned overnight. With your donations you are feeding the hungry, sheltering the needy and consoling the newly destitute. In addition to the humanitarian aid, we are also receiving supplies and tools for those who are defending us with their own lives, courage, and strength. We are grateful to all of you who put the good of their neighbor above their own comfort and at the expense of their own material goods. May the Lord generously reward your sacrifices.

Today as never before, we turn to all those who are not indifferent to the deaths of the elderly, women and children due to the continuous bombing of homes and civil infrastructure. Don't stop the pressure on politicians around the world to support Ukraine in every way possible.

We don't know what awaits us tomorrow. We are resolute, full of hope and faith. We ask for your continued support. None of us can afford to get weary.

In Christ, who is our hope in darkness, and who conquered death so we can all live free.

Vivat Jesus!

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