



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 12: Praying

Suggested Week of Use: May 22, 2022

Core Passage: 2 Thess. 2:13—3:5

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### News Story Summary

Ukrainian refugees displaced by the war in their country gathered in churches across Eastern Europe to celebrate the Orthodox Easter holiday and to pray for an end to the fighting with Russia. More than five million Ukrainians have been fled their country after the Russian invasion. Yaroslava Hortyanyi, chairwoman of the Hungarian Ukrainian Cultural Association, said that this Easter holiday provided an opportunity for the Ukrainians to pray for themselves as well as those people left behind. Hortyanyi also said that the Ukrainians believe “that their prayers will help their husbands and parents that they left at home.”

For more about this story, search “Far from home, Ukrainian refugees pray”.

### Focus Attention

To supplement the Discuss idea under Focus Attention, summarize the article about the Ukrainian refugees praying for their country and the people they left behind. Ask: *What kind of impact might be felt by the Ukrainian citizens left behind if they were aware that fellow Ukrainian Christians in Europe prayed for them? How does the ability to pray for those back in the Ukraine help the displaced refugees?* Complete the step as written.

### Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group about the story on the Ukrainian refugees. Focus on the last two bulleted statements found under Apply the Text (*Believers are wise to invite other believers to pray for and with them. God is capable of helping believers honor and remain faithful to Him.*). Discuss how these statements apply to the article on the Ukrainian refugees. Complete the step as written.