



**EMMANUEL COLLEGE**  
*Emmanuel Schools Foundation*

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Dear Parents, Carers, and Students

Many of us have been deeply shocked and saddened by the events in Ukraine over the past week. It is easy to feel helpless, angry and uncertain at times like this.

I want to suggest, however, that there are three things we can do at this time:

1. We can pray and I would encourage people to do so if you feel able. I have included a prayer below which has been published by the aid agency CAFOD which you may find helpful.
2. We can speak out. It is important that as a school, we remain politically impartial. We are, however, a school community shaped by the core virtues of love and fairness and being loving and being fair means we are sometimes called to stand against injustice and to stand against those who would promote hate over love.
3. We can give, and we are therefore launching an Emmanuel College Ukraine Appeal today. All money raised will go to supporting the work of the Salvation Army who are actively working to support those in need of food, shelter, clothing, prayers and hope. You can find out more about the work of the Salvation Army [here](#).

Students, staff, parents and carers can give online using ParentPay over the next week, or by bringing cash into College tomorrow and next Friday. Donations will be collected during morning tutor time by Year 13 volunteers from Mrs Roberts' tutor group, who have very kindly offered to support this campaign.

If everyone in our school community were able to give £3, we could raise an amazing £5,000 in just a couple of days. Please consider carefully whether you can give generously to this campaign.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Waterfield  
**Principal**

### **A prayer for Ukraine**

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.

Amen.