

# SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN THEIR UNEXPECTED JOURNEYS

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MATTHEW 24:36-44 | KEEP WATCH AND PREPARE

ADVENT WEEK 1 | CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

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God of Hope, we know that you miss nothing. As we enter into this new year, remind us that you are always with us, on the clear road and in the wilderness. Guide our hearts to a place of grace and thankfulness, even and especially when the path feels overgrown and overwhelming. God of the wilderness:

## EMBOLDEN US TO SHINE YOUR HOPE INTO ALL THE WORLD.

God of Hope, as we light this first candle, keep us alert to the needs of our neighbors around the corner and around the world. May our hearts be open to the many ways you invite us to share your love and your joy. God of the wilderness:

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God of Hope, today we remember our siblings in Ukraine, who long for peace and pray for safety. We add our own prayers for all who seek and offer shelter, for an end to violence and disruption, and for your peace and protection for Kristina, her family, and her neighbors amid all the challenges they face this and every day. God of the wilderness:

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God of Hope, keep us alert to your invitation to be part of your healing work in the world. Open our hearts to the moments when we can extend your love through our hands and hearts. God of the wilderness:

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God of hope, giver of all things, we have so much to be thankful for. Thank you for being amid the challenges of this past year. Guide us to focus on your Word as we look forward to the hope that Jesus brings. Help us to give thanks in all circumstances. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One we long for in this season of hope.

AMEN.



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