



January

# **PRAYER DIARY**

1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

## UKRAINE

WEEK ONE

**Ukraine is entering another year of uncertainty and war. As Christians share the hope of the good news of Jesus, more people are taking notice of the Church.**

**Thank God that Ukraine is still standing against the military might of Russia. Please pray...**

- For church teams who are using the new year as an opportunity to plan for sustainable growth and development this year, not just survival.
- That leaders will have chance to pause and plan, amid exhaustion and overwork.
- For dialogue to continue and grow between government, churches and voluntary organisations.
- For leaders who are planning an event for Ukraine's top Christian leaders this spring, and Innovista staff who are supporting them with this.

8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

## UKRAINE (continued)

WEEK TWO

**In areas near the border, many worry about the prospect of Russia re-occupying their towns and cities. Despite this fear, Christians continue to bravely serve their communities.**

**Give thanks for church and ministry leaders who have chosen to stay in front line towns and cities. Please pray...**

- For young leaders at the two main seminaries in Ukraine, who are receiving training and coaching from Innovista, before they step out to serve their communities in incredibly difficult contexts.
- For children in cities like Kharkiv close to the border, many of whom haven't been in school since Russia's full-scale invasion nearly two years ago.
- For Pastor Slavic in Kharkiv, who is running community care hubs across the city, to care for the most vulnerable in society.

**Youth leaders from churches in four districts are coming together in January to start a Mindshift course. This course is designed to help leaders re-shape their thinking and move away from Soviet-style leadership.**

**Thank God for a new generation of leaders who want to step into a biblical model of leadership. Please pray...**

- For unity between these leaders from different towns, cities and churches as they learn together and from each other.
- For wisdom as these leaders think about solutions to the challenges they are facing, such as poverty, unstable family contexts and economic migration.
- For T\*, a youth pastor in the city of Ceadir-Lunga. He has led a ministry there for nine years but is discouraged due to increased challenges. He is receiving coaching and support.

**This year, visionary new leaders are driving expansion of Innovista's support into more countries in Central Asia.**

**Thank God for the network of leaders across Central Asia who are spreading the word about Innovista, and for the ambitious young leaders who are hungry to learn and grow. Please pray...**

- For a group of businessmen who are receiving coaching. The hope is for Christians to play a role in local economies, to enrich the lives of all.
- For Pastor J\*, who leads a small church far from his region's capital. He has been receiving support but is discouraged by many church members leaving his remote region.
- That as economies develop, more Christian leaders will be able to stay and serve in their communities, without having to consider leaving their families behind to find work.

# Supporting Christian leaders where they're needed most

## Future Dates for Prayer Events

Join us for our monthly Zoom prayers, and stand with Christian leaders who are serving in challenging places::

- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** 7.30am and 7.30pm (GMT)
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** 7.30am and 7.30pm (GMT)

Please register [here](#) and you will be sent the Zoom details. If you have any questions [please email Lydia](#). See you there!



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