To: Clergy, Religious and Laity

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As we are all aware, Russian troops have invaded Ukraine. Russian forces have caused unprovoked death and destruction for the people.

As we see the images of Ukrainian people fleeing their homes to safety and read the headlines about the damage and casualties, let us not be complacent but offer prayer and call upon Jesus the Prince of Peace and the intercession of our Blessed Mother to bring an end to this unjust war and peace amongst the nations.

Please join me and Catholics around the globe in offering Lenten sacrifices for peace in the Ukraine.

If you wish to make a gift to the people of the Ukraine, you may send it to me or give it to your parish priest. The United States bishops have a strong relationship with the bishops of the Ukraine and can send your gift to them.

Wishing you God’s Lenten blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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Please read at all Masses this weekend, March 5-6, 2022.