

Christmas Greetings



*from your brothers
at Weston Priory*



AT CHRISTMASTIME, IN WINTER, we hold the people of Ukraine in our heart, and with them the many in our world enduring the tragedy and suffering of war. With Mary, we raise our hands in prayer, our hearts are filled with hope. May the rising sun dispel the cold of winter,

THE PRAYING VIRGIN OF KYIV IS a well-known Orthodox Christian depiction of the Virgin Mary in prayer with extended arms. It is located in the Saint Sophia Cathedral in Kyiv in Ukraine. The mosaic has been present in the cathedral since its foundation by Yaroslav I the Wise in the 11th century. The embroidered handkerchief on the belt of the Mother of God is popularly thought to be for wiping away the tears of those who come before her with their cares and concerns. - Wikipedia