

TARAS SHEVCHENKO'S MESSAGES TO UKRAINIANS
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"He was more than a Ukrainian —
he was a statesman and a citizen of the world.

He was more than a poet —
he was a valiant crusader for the rights and freedom
Lyndon B. Johnson

Taras Shevchenko is a true patriot and hero of the nation. We consider him to be a poet, a writer, an artist, just a person and a citizen.

His heart remained with his homeland during each exile. For him his home and native village were a sacred place of happiness and peace. Therefore many of his works are imbued with painful sadness for his native land.

From his works it is clear that the Ukrainian poet really missed Ukraine greatly. After all, his life was connected with numerous trials, including his exile to Siberia, where he was for more than 10 years.

He wrote a lot about Ukraine, its beauty, history and traditions. His poetry was full of beautiful descriptions of the Ukrainian nature and culture.

Here are some quotes from the works of Taras Shevchenko, testifying to his sums in Ukraine:

- "There is no Ukraine in the world, there is no second Dnipro.."
- "Our thought, our song will not die, it will not perish... "
- "My heart will grow cold, as I remember that they will not be buried in Ukraine, that I will not live in Ukraine, I love people and the Lord."
- "Love your Ukraine. Love it... In time of rage. In the last grievous past pray the God for it."

These words indicate that Taras Shevchenko really wanted the Ukrainian people to live in freedom and independence.

The outstanding Ukrainian poet and artist Taras Shevchenko left some important messages which are perfectly suited during the war. They can inspire us to fight even more fiercely against the enemy.

A message to children

If Shevchenko were our contemporary, he would study and study a lot not looking at the fact that he actually did not have opportunities. Taras learned everything equally. At first he learned to draw icons and paintings, constantly looking for mentors. Kobzar would envy our opportunity to google something, because he had to find educated people and ask them everything important.

Consequently, it is noticeable that Shevchenko received a significant amount of knowledge and skills, which helped him to become one of the most famous poets and artists of Ukraine. In very difficult situations he continued learning languages, literature, history, and philosophy.

And in the great new family,
The family of the free,
With softly spoken, kindly word
Remember also me.

You – all Ukrainian children – should not only learn my poems from "Kobzar" by heart, read them at school holidays clearly. I want you to feel me through the soul and the heart.

A message to the defenders

With his charisma and desire for freedom Shevchenko is known for his struggle for the liberation of the Ukrainian people.

His quotes support our soldiers from the first days of the war. Kobzar could write about the soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine: "Baked fire is not baked." And if Shevchenko lived today there is no doubt that he would be on the front line. Both dead and alive...

Oh bury me, then rise ye up
And break your heavy chains
And water with the tyrants' blood
The freedom you have gained.
And on a renewed earth
Enemy will not, adversary,
And there will be a son, and there will be a mother,
And there will be men on the earth."

A message to the occupants

The poet sharply condemned the oppression of Ukrainians and boldly spoke about the ill-wishers coming to our land.

It is noteworthy that in many works Shevchenko describes the invaders as cruel and ruthless gentlemen who terrorize the Ukrainian people. In his poetry one can find words which sound in unison with special "Zapovit" created by the Ukrainian people: "Our land will become a grave for enemies.

I would like to send **our message** to Taras. I am sure he would definitely like it.

"Taras, today we are united as never before: everybody who defends our country with weapons in their hands, who cares of refugees, who donates money...

If we fight, learn and love Ukraine not only when the time is fierce, but every day, then there will be no enemies on our land. We need to keep fighting. So, let's keep moving on to see our victory together. Everything will be Ukraine!"

The best sons and daughters of the Ukrainian people fight with arms in their hands, fight our Motherland. You gave us a model of literary language, and we learn it again because it is our arm, our most valuable treasure.

Your words today sounds relevant and understandable to everyone. We learn from you to love Ukraine and your poem "A cherry orchard by the house " is our idyllic picture of simple human happiness, which we dream of, waiting for the Victory...

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