

*them to God, their protector, their comforter,
their liberator. Lord, hear us.*

Lord, graciously hear us.

*We pray for those who are seeking Christ, who
desire the gift of faith. May they find in Jesus the
way, the truth and the life of the age to come.*

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

*We pray for families in this community where
there is little peace, love or security; for parents
in difficulty; for children without boundaries; for
those who seek to help them. Lord, hear us.*

Lord, graciously hear us.

*We pray for Christians of all denominations and
for ourselves with them. Enable us to be faithful
servants of the Kingdom. Give us wisdom and
understanding. Enable us to remain faithful to our
baptism and open to your Spirit. Lord, hear us...*

Chant 123 : Bendigo al Señor

***My heart trusts in the Lord,
For he listens to my voice.***

***With my song will I praise him!
The Lord is my strength and shield.***

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger, founder of the Taizé Community

*Holy Spirit, in you we are offered a way of
discovering this amazing reality: God does not
wish suffering or distress for people. He never
creates fear or anguish in us.*

God can only love us.

Silence

Chant 120 : Kristus, din Ande ♪

We leave in silence.

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Taizé Prayer 67 (35)

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for Trinity 12

Welcome! Please feel free to sit quietly or to join
in as you feel most comfortable. We will be
following a pattern based on the worship of the
Taizé Community, one of whose aims has always
been to make Christian worship as simple and
uncluttered as possible.

Taizé is a small village in eastern France. For over 50 years,
it has been the home of a Christian monastic community
made up of brothers from many different countries,
speaking many different languages and, uniquely, belonging
to several different Christian denominations. The
community has developed a unique style of meditative
singing which focuses on the repetitive chanting of short
phrases from the Bible and other Christian texts in a range
of languages including Latin, the ancient language of the
Western church.

*The numbers refer to the orange booklet of Taizé
Chants which you received as you joined us. This
symbol ♪ indicates that we sing the English
translation provided alongside the music.*

Opening Silence

Food for Thought in the Silence

“Part of the Holy Spirit’s job is to keep alive that
ceaseless flow of prayer from ourselves to God, even
when we are helpless to join in. Prayer is not
something which we create. It is already there. It is a
flame that God himself keeps burning within us. It
burns at the very core, within the very fabric of our
being. Our task is to lighten ourselves with its light
and join in with its constant prayer.”

Rough Ways in Prayer, Revd Paul Wallis

Chant 4 : Ubi caritas Deus ibi est

***ubi - where (there is)
caritas et amor – loving-kindness and love
Deus ibi est – God is there***

From Psalm 108

*My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and
make music with all my soul. Awake, harp and
lyre! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you,
Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among*

the peoples. For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

Silence

The Jesus Prayer

The Jesus Prayer, one of the most ancient traditions of the church, is like a Taizé chant without music.

It, too, is repeated many times.

Tonight, we do so in the silence of our hearts.

*“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.”*

Chant 113 : Bóg jest miłością ♪

A reading from Mark chapt. 7

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spat and touched the man’s tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.”

Chant 140 : Il Signore ti ristora

You restore me and embrace me.

Never will you reject me.

In your love, you run with joy to meet me.

Lord, you always seek me.

A reading from Acts chapt. 19

In Ephesus, Paul found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the

people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all. Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord. God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

Chant 151 : Iedere nacht verlang ik

***When in the night my soul seeks for you, O God,
I hunger for you with all my heart.
My spirit yearns for you in the depths, O Lord.
I hunger for you with all my heart.***

Long Silence

For Silent Reflection

“Deep within each one of us there lie vast reaches of the unknown, of doubt, of secret distress, and also chasms of guilt which come from who knows where. But gradually, we understand that, in the depths of the human person, Christ prays, more than we imagine. Let the Holy Spirit pray within us with the trust of a child and we can then realise that these depths are inhabited.”

Prayer: Seeking the Heart of God Br. Roger of Taizé

Chant 54 : Toi, tu nous aimes ♪

Intercessions

*Let us pray to God the Father, through his Son
Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Lord, have mercy*

We pray for the victims of oppression and violence, for those in fear of their lives, for those wrongfully imprisoned, for those who are persecuted for their faith in Christ. We entrust