

Jesus, you promised the Holy Spirit to the apostles. May the Spirit of consolation renew our faithfulness to you and give us boldness to bring your light and life into dark places.
Lord, fill our lives with your light

Jesus, you sent your apostles to proclaim the Good News to the ends of the earth. Make us and all Christian people witnesses to your love.
Lord, fill our lives with your light

Lord Jesus, shine the light of your love and power into the lives of those we know who live in darkness, fear, anxiety or grief. Heal the sick, restore the broken, rescue the lost.
Lord, fill our lives with your light

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Chant 137 : Behüte mich, Gott

**Enfold me, O God,
For I trust in you.
You show me the path to follow.
You give me joy, your joy in its fullness.**

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger, founder of the Taizé Community

Jesus, our trust, within us you come to kindle a flame. Feeble though it may be, it is enough to sustain in our hearts the desire for God.

Chant 141 : Bleib mit deiner Gnade ♪

We leave in silence.
Please allow those who wish to do so to continue to pray undisturbed.

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Taizé Prayer 74 3rd May 2015

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for Easter 5

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 almost 70 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. Catholics, Anglicans, Protestants, Orthodox and others live and pray together, share a simple life and welcome the tens of thousands of visitors who come to spend time with them every year from all over the world.

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

For Silent Reflection

“Our century thirsts for the authenticity of simplicity, the spirit of prayer and the life of obedience.”

Richard Foster *The Freedom of Simplicity*

Chant 94 : Alleluia

Alleluia! Glory be to you Lord!

Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.[...] Worship the Lord in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth.

Silence

In silence, we contemplate our need of God's forgiveness.
Then, placing our trust in Him, we sing...

Chant 134 : Seigneur, tu gardes mon âme

***O Lord, you hold and protect me;
You know all my heart's desire.
Guide my steps along the everlasting way (x2).***

From Acts chapter 15

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." [...] Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. [...] After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will." The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles.

Silence

Chant 4 : Ubi caritas Deus ibi est

***ubi caritas – where love is
Deus ibi est – God is there***

A reading from John chapter 15

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have

spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

Chant 50 : Nada te turbe ♪

Long Silence

Food for Thought in the Silence

"Jesus brings together Jew and Gentile and from them both produces one new kind of person [...] It is not that Jesus makes all the Jews into Gentiles, or all the Gentiles into Jews; he produces a new kind of person out of both [...] The unity which Jesus achieves is not achieved by blotting out all racial and national characteristics; it is achieved by making people of all nations into Christians [...] Christianity produces people who are friends with each other because they are friends with God."

William Barclay *Galatians and Ephesians*

Chant 44 : Adoramus te O Christe

adoramus te – we adore you

Silence

Intercessions

*Lord Jesus, after having given your life on the cross, you entered the glory of the Father. Enable all people to share in your risen life.
Lord, fill our lives with your light.*

*In you, Jesus, God made a new covenant with us. You are with us always, until the end of time. Help us to trust your presence with us more fully. May our lives reflect that confidence to others.
Lord, fill our lives with your light.*

*Jesus, you appeared to your disciples after your passion. Strengthen our faith by your presence in our midst.
Lord, fill our lives with your light.*