

Chant 145 : Our Father

Intercessions

*For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.***

*For those working for reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.***

*For a deeper understanding amongst Christians of God's call to serve the whole human family, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.***

*For migrants, refugees and the homeless, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.***

*That the light of Christ would illuminate our relationships, our homes and our places of work, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.***

*For those in this parish who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.***

*For those in our community who are struggling with loneliness, depression or despair, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.***

Chant 59 : Venite, exultemus Domino ♪

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger, founder of the Taizé Community

Bless us, Lord Christ. By your forgiveness you place on our finger the ring of the prodigal son.

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 77 (56) 2nd August 2015 (9th After Trinity)

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for the 9th Sunday after Trinity

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

"The centre of our faith is the Risen Christ, present in our midst, who has a personal bond of love with each person. Turning our eyes towards him awakens wonder and a deeper understanding of our existence. When we look towards his light in prayer, it gradually begins to shine within us. The mystery of Christ becomes the mystery of our own life. Our inner contradictions and our fears may not be eliminated. But by the Holy Spirit, Christ enters fully into what worries us about ourselves, so that light is shed on the dark places in us."

Br. Alois of Taizé *Towards a New Solidarity*

Chant 147 : Fiez-vous en Lui

***Place your trust in God and do not fear.
God's peace will dwell deep within your heart.
Place your trust in God
Alleluia, Alleluia.***

From Psalm 88

Lord, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you. May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry. I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death. I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like one without strength. I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care. You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths. [...] I call to you, Lord, every day; I spread out my hands to you. Do you show your wonders to the dead? Do their spirits rise up and praise you? [...] But I cry to you for help, Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Silence

In silence, we contemplate the love of God who saves us when life overwhelms us with troubles. Then, we sing...

Chant 17 : El Senyor ♪

From Job chapter 28

Where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell? No mortal comprehends its worth; it cannot be found in the land of the living. [...] It cannot be bought with the finest gold, nor can its price be weighed out in silver. [...] Where then does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell? It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing, concealed even from the birds in the sky.[...] God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells, for he views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. When he established the force of the wind and measured out the waters, when he made a decree for the rain and a path for the thunderstorm, then he looked at wisdom and appraised it; he confirmed it and tested it. And he said to the human race, "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to shun evil is understanding."

Silence

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 Luke chapter 12

Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."' "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Chant 20 : Adoramus te Christe

*adoramus te Christe – we adore you, O Christ
benedicimus tibi – we bless you
quia per crucem tuam – who by your cross
redimisti mundum – have redeemed the world*

Long Silence

Food for Thought in the Silence

"Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. [...] Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

From 1 Timothy 6

Chant 50 : Nada te turbe

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
God alone fills us.*