

## Intercessions

*We pray for countries where laws are being flouted, for nations and people who are in danger of destroying themselves or others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*By your indwelling presence, make our hearts, our homes and our community places of peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for all those who are captive to superstition or ignorance, for all who have no knowledge of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*We remember before you all those who are entering into darkness or sickness, that each in their weakness may know your strength. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Chant 145 : Our Father

Chant 11 : Oculi nostri ♪

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger, founder of the Taizé Community

*Jesus, peace of our hearts, in our nights as in our days, in the hours of darkness as in those of bright light, you knock at our door and await our response.*

Silence

Chant 50 : Nada te turbe ♪

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

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Taizé Prayer 85 1st May 2016

## Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for Easter 6

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*

O Lord, my heart is all a prayer,  
But it is silent unto thee;  
I am too tired to look for words,  
I rest upon thy sympathy  
To understand when I am dumb;  
And well I know thou hearest me.

I know thou hearest me because  
A quiet peace comes down to me,  
And fills the places where before  
Weak thoughts were wandering wearily;  
And deep within me it is calm,  
Though waves are tossing outwardly.

Amy Carmichael  
1867 – 1951

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.*

## From Psalms 126 & 127

*When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.*

*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.*

### Silence

In the silence, we call to mind God's forgiveness and faithfulness to us. Then, trusting in Him, we sing...

## Chant 142 : Exaudi orationem meam

***Your love embraces me and sustains me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, let my cry come to you.  
You dwell in light eternal, living God,  
Everlasting, merciful.***

## From Zephaniah chapter 3

*Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. [...] The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.*

### Silence

## Chant 59 : Venite, exultemus Domino ♪

## From Matthew chapt 28

*After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'*

## Chant 9 : Jésus le Christ ♪

### Long Silence

#### ***Food for Thought in the Silence***

“Christian spiritual formation is the process of allowing God to bring our “unruly wills and affections” into order with what is healthful to our spirits and to the spirits and lives of those around us. It is the process by which Christ’s mind takes shape within us, so that he might indeed continue his work in the world through us. It involves learning to love what God commands and to desire what God promises, so that we will be stable in our commitment to live for him who died and lives for us. It is to come to the place where to do what God wishes is our pleasure and desire. That is what it means to be fully formed in Christ.”

David A. DeSilva : *Sacramental Life*

## Chant 4 : Ubi caritas Deus ibi est

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