

For the leaders of all churches, particularly those represented here this evening. That all those entrusted with the Gospel may be equipped with boldness, wisdom and humility.

Hear us, good Lord

For the many communities of this city and for all who live within them. That we may deepen our understanding of how to love our neighbours as Christ commands.

Hear us, good Lord

For the sick in body and mind; for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. For ourselves and those who represent us as decisions are taken about their care.

Hear us, good Lord

Our Father, who art in Heaven...

Chant 115 : The kingdom of God

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger of Taizé

Christ Jesus, through your Gospel we understand that what counts more than everything else is mercy; so give us hearts which are filled with goodness.

Silence

Chant 33 : Nunc dimittis
(sung in Latin)

The words of this chant mean, "Lord, now let your servant go in peace according to your word".

We leave in silence.

Please allow those who wish to do so to continue to pray undisturbed.

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Taizé Prayer 89 2nd October 2016 (19th After Trinity)

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for Trinity 19

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

Food for Thought in the Silence

"The early Christians did not believe in 'progress'. They did not think the world was getting better and better under its own steam – or even under the steady influence of God. They knew God had to do something fresh to put it to rights. But nor did they believe that the world was getting worse and worse and that their task was to escape it altogether. [...] They believed that God was going to do for the whole cosmos what he had done for Jesus at Easter."

Surprised by Hope, Tom Wright

Chant 5 : Bless the Lord

From Psalm 142

"I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy. I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble. When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who watch over my way. In the path where I walk people have hidden a snare for me. Look and see, there is no one at my right hand; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life. I cry to you, Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me. Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name."

Silence

In the silence, we entrust ourselves to God, who is our refuge in time of need. We seek his forgiveness of our sins; and then we sing...

Chant 1 : Dans nos obscurités ♪

A reading from Isaiah 49

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones. But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me." "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.

Chant 9 : Jésus le Christ ♪

A reading from John 9

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this

word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

Chant 32 : Mon âme se repose ♪

Long Silence (10 minutes)

For Silent Reflection

"It is [...] clear that the miracles Jesus performed were not basically to be understood as acts that contradicted the laws of nature. They were rather signs of the imminent coming of God's Kingdom, tokens of the presence of the God of love who was offering his creation the fullness of life. That is why most of the miraculous signs in the Gospels are acts of healing. And yet, at the same time, they are only signs, in other words the physical healing is not an end in itself. Jesus does not intend to transform the world through these acts, or otherwise he would have healed all the illnesses of the entire population."

Seek And You Will Find, Taizé Community

Chant 50 : Nada te turbe ♪

The original Spanish words of this chant mean *"Let nothing trouble or frighten you. The one who has God needs nothing (else). God alone is enough."* They were written by St Teresa of Avila in the 16th century.

Silence

Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

That your Kingdom may come on earth; that countries caught up in war and conflict will find the path to peace and reconciliation.

Hear us, good Lord