

Intercessions

For the peace of the world and the liberation of all people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For an end to the abuse of power by corrupt régimes, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For integrity in our politics and justice in society, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For the strengthening of trust and integrity in all human relationships, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For those whose work is hard, for the unemployed and those in financial difficulty, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For those whom illness or disability prevent from working, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For those without home or family, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For the oppressed, the enslaved, the marginalised and the unwanted, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For those who do not yet know that they are loved by God with a love stronger than death, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For ourselves, that our trust in the love of God may grow, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Silence

During which we pray silently for those whom God has entrusted to us.

Chant 32 : Mon âme se repose ♪

A prayer by the Brother Roger, Founder of Taizé

Jesus, the hope of our hearts, you are always present within us and you say to each of us, 'Do not be afraid, I am with you'.

Chant 40 : Surrexit Christus *Sung in Latin*

Translation
*The Lord is risen, alleluia!
Sing to the Lord, alleluia!*

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Taizé Prayer 189 4th October 2026 (Trinity 18)*

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for Trinity 18

*Welcome to this service of prayer inspired by the
worship of the Taizé Community. Find news of future
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Taizé is a small village in Burgundy, France. Since the 1940s, it has been the home of a monastic community made up of brothers from many different countries, speaking many languages and, uniquely, belonging to several Christian denominations. Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Protestants 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 each year from around the world.

The numbers refer to the booklet of Taizé Chants. This symbol ♪ indicates that we sing the English translation printed alongside the music.

About Taizé Chants

'Using just a few words, [Taizé chants] express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God.'

The Taizé Community, *Meditative Singing*

Opening Silence

Food for thought in the silence

'There is no human being who is left outside Christ; Christ is united to every human being, and every human being has their place in the mystery of the resurrection. Only, there are people who know this - the Christians - and who give thanks for it; and there are people who do not know it yet.'

Olivier Clément in *Taizé, A Meaning to Life*

Chant 67 : Let all who are thirsty come

From Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern

my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night', even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

In the silence, we place our trust in God, who holds us fast.
Then, confident of his mercy, we sing...

Chant 26 : La ténèbre 🎵

From Isaiah 25

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. [...] You have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. [...] On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, [...] This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Silence

Chant 58 : Misericordias Domini

misericordias – the mercy, ***Domini*** – of the Lord
in aeternum – for ever, ***cantabo*** – I will sing

From 1 Corinthians 15

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in

accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. [...] Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. [...] If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

Silence

Chant 53 : Dona la pace

Teach us to trust you, Christ Jesus.
In you the peace of our hearts.
As we trust in your promise, Christ Jesus,
Heal us and lead us.

Long Silence (10 minutes)

Food for thought in the silence

'I remember once meeting a great contemporary mystic, Father Sophrony of Mount Athos. I asked him what would happen if a human being refused to open their heart and welcome the love which was offered to them, and this is the answer he gave: "Be sure," he said, "that as long as there is someone in hell, Christ will be there with them." And in the same tradition, all those who have written commentaries on Isaac the Syrian [*a 7th century monk*] have reminded us that God stays at the door of every heart, even the hearts that remain closed to him, and that, if necessary, he will wait for all eternity until they open to him.'

Olivier Clément in *Taizé, A Meaning to Life*

Gesú Cristo, da chi andremo

Not in the chant book (2025-2026 #170)

O Christ Jesus, could we turn from you?
You have words that give light eternal.
To whom else, Lord, should we go but you?
You have words that give light eternal.