

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community

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.

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Chant:♪

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch take heart!**

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Intercessions and Chant:♪
(We chant together at the start and end,
and between each bidding.)

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer,
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

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Silence
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Conclusion and closing prayer

Chant:♪
**Laudate Dominum,
Laudate Dominum,
Omnes, gentes, Alleluia!**



Taizé is a small village in eastern France. For 60 years, it has been the home of a Christian monastic community made up of people 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 community has developed a unique style of meditative singing which focuses on the repetitive chanting of short phrases from the Bible and other Christian texts in a range of languages. We are using some of those songs this evening.

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

Lines in **bold type** are for all to join in with.

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Opening Silence

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Welcome and prayer of preparation:

Be with us, Spirit of God.

Nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God.

Fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God.

Bring strength, healing and peace.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Amen.

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Chant:♪

**Jesus remember me,
When you come into your kingdom.**

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A reading from Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?

**My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.**

May God never allow you to stumble!

Let your guard not sleep.

**Behold, neither sleeping nor slumbering,
Israel's guard.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
and stands at your right.

**By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
and will guard your soul.

**The Lord will guard your going and
coming
both now and forever.**

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Silence

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Reading: 1Timothy 6:6-19

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Chant:♪

Ubi caritas et amor.

Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

(Where there is charity and love, there is God).

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Reading: Luke 16:19-31

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Silence

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Talk

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Longer silence for reflection