

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for Lent 2

*We pray for those who cannot believe and who give their lives in the service of others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for the unity of the church. Enable those divided by opinion or doctrine to find ways of remaining faithful to your call to love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*O Christ, light from above, visit all those who are in darkness or who are paralysed by fear. Show them the way of your love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*O Christ, source of confidence and life, support those who are going through times of sickness, difficulty or discouragement. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Chant 30 : In manus tuas

***in manus tuas – into your hands
Pater - Father
commendo – I commit
spiritum meum – my spirit***

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger, founder of the
Taizé Community

Christ Jesus, when temptation urges us to abandon you, you pray within us. And you encourage us not to remain in darkness but to live in your light.

Chant 125 : Christe, lux mundi

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

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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

“Prayer might seem like an inward thing but, when we connect with God, we are fired out into the community. It’s like an explosion.”

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
During his visit to Birmingham, February 2015

Chant 12 : De nocte ♪

Psalm 135

*Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord;
give praise, O servants of the Lord, you that stand
in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house
of our God. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for he is gracious. For the Lord
has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own
possession. For I know that the Lord is great; our
Lord is above all gods. Whatever the Lord pleases
he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and
all deeps. He it is who makes the clouds rise at the*

end of the earth; he makes lightnings for the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses.

Silence

In silence, we contemplate our dependence on God and our need of His grace. Then, trusting in Him, we sing...

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.

From Genesis chapter 12

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Silence

Chant 46 : In te confido ♪

A reading from Hebrews chapter 11

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he

set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Chant 39 : Tu sei sorgente viva

Lord, you are living water,

You are light and fire, you are love.

Come, O Holy Spirit! Come, O Holy Spirit!

Long Silence

Food for Thought in the Silence

“Faith is looking at God and trusting him for everything, while hope is looking at the future and trusting God for it. [...] Hebrews actually defines faith in relation to hope: it's one thing to have a hope, but when you have faith underneath it gives it assurance. I may hope for a better world, for a new bodily life beyond the grave; but unless I believe in the God who raised Jesus, my hope may degenerate into mere optimism. I may have a general sense that there are unseen realities around me [...] but unless I believe in the God we know in Jesus, this sense of unseen things will lack conviction.”

Tom Wright *Hebrews for Everyone*

Chant 14 : Tui amoris ignem ♪

Silence

Intercessions

God our Father, fill our lives with your compassion; help us to live in the generosity of forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.