

## Intercessions

(Responses in bold type are for all)

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name***

...

*Let us pray for those who are beginning to know  
Christ: may the Lord strengthen them on their  
journey. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For children, for those who take care of them and  
awaken them to faith, we pray. **Lord, hear...***

*For the sick and those who are ending their lives  
in loneliness: may the Lord give them the strength  
they need. **Lord, hear...***

*That the fire of your Spirit may renew our  
energies and enable us to welcome those who do  
not know you. **Lord, hear...***

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.***

## Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger, founder of the  
Taizé Community

*You have blessed us, Risen Jesus. We want to root  
our lives in your trust, to such an extent that the  
wellsprings of joy never run dry.*

Chant 32 : Mon âme se repose ♪

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

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## Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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*

"It is always risky to apply human words to God,  
particularly to his forgiveness. To avoid understanding  
forgiveness from our poor human experience, always  
limited, often ambiguous, we must carefully weigh our  
words. We must be ready to affirm that God forgives,  
to deny that he does so with our imperfections and  
then to discover that he is forgiveness itself. There is  
perhaps nothing more essential for people of our day  
than to enter into the discovery of another kind of  
forgiveness, one which springs from the source of pure  
love. Christ is the expression of God's forgiveness.  
Anyone looking at him discovers forgiveness at its  
clearest, forgiveness untarnished."

Brother Émile of Taizé *Never a Stranger*

Chant 1 : Dans nos obscurités ♪

From Psalm 37

*Do not fret because of those who are evil or be  
envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass  
they will soon wither, like green plants they will  
soon die away. Trust in the Lord and do good;*

*dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret, it leads only to evil. For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.*

### Silence

In silence, we bring our sins before God, trusting in His promise to vindicate those who wait patiently for Him.

### Chant 9 : Jésus le Christ ♪

#### From Jeremiah chapter 6

*Jeremiah spoke to the people of Israel and said, This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’ I appointed watchmen over you and said, ‘Listen to the sound of the trumpet!’ But you said, ‘We will not listen.’ Therefore hear, you nations; you who are witnesses, observe what will happen to them. Hear, you earth: I am bringing disaster on this people [...] because they have not listened to my words and have rejected my law.*

### Silence

### Chant 18 : Confitemini Domino

***confitemini Domino – give thanks to the Lord  
quoniam bonus – because he is good***

#### A reading from Romans ch.9

*(J.B. Phillips New Testament)*

*Saint Paul wrote to the church in Rome, “Before Christ and my own conscience I assure you that I am speaking the plain truth when I say that there is something that makes me feel very depressed, like a pain that never leaves me. It is the condition of my brothers and fellow-Israelites, and I have*

*actually reached the pitch of wishing myself cut off from Christ if it meant that they could be won for God. Just think what the Israelites have had given to them. The privilege of being adopted as sons of God, the experience of seeing something of the glory of God, the receiving of the agreements made with God, the gift of the Law, true ways of worship, God’s own promises: all these are theirs, and so too, as far as human descent goes, is Christ himself, Christ who is God over all, blessed for ever. God’s purpose is not utterly defeated by this infidelity. Now this does not mean that God’s word to Israel has failed. For you cannot count all “Israelites” as the true Israel of God. Nor can all Abraham’s descendants be considered truly children of Abraham. The promise was that ‘in Isaac your seed shall be called’. That means that it is not the natural descendants who automatically inherit the promise, but, on the contrary, that the children of the promise are to be considered truly Abraham’s children.”*

### Chant 135 : Frieden, frieden

***Joy I give you  
As the world cannot give;  
Let your heart find rest in my love,  
Do not let it be afraid.***

### Long Silence

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

“The Jews imagined that the word of God must fail if all their nation were not saved. This St. Paul now refutes, and proves that the word itself had foretold their falling away. [...] The sum is, God accepts all believers, and them only; and this is no way contrary to his word. Nay, he hath declared in his word [...] that believers are accepted as the ‘children of the promise.’”

John Wesley *Explanatory Notes on Romans*

### 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.***