

Chant 145 : Our Father

Intercessions

(Responses in bold type are for all)

For Christians who are living in fear or undergoing persecution, particularly in the Middle East, North Korea, Indonesia and Egypt.

*Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.***

*For all migrants and refugees, that they will be met with compassion and generosity and find new places to call home. **Hear our prayer.***

*For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel. Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.***

*For the peace and stability of all peoples and for the leaders of the nations. Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.***

*For those who suffer from hunger, sickness or loneliness, that the presence of Christ in us, their brothers and sisters, may bring them health and wholeness. Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.***

Chant 32 : Mon âme se repose ♪

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger, founder of the Taizé Community

God of all loving, you call us to live lives rooted in you. Even were we to leave you, by your Holy Spirit you remain present. And your presence in us is not for one moment only, but for all time.

Chant 12 : De noche ♪

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

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Taizé Prayer 78 (57) 6th September 2015 (Trinity 14)

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for the 14th 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

"The Church has always been a place of sanctuary for those in need [...] I reaffirm our commitment to the principle of sanctuary for those who require our help and love [...] We cannot turn our backs on this crisis. We must respond with compassion. But we must also not be naïve in claiming to have the answers to end it."

Archbishop Justin Welby, *Statement on the Migrant Crisis*, 3rd September 2015

Let all who are thirsty come

(Songs from Taizé 2011-2012)

***Let all who are thirsty come,
Let all who wish receive
the water of life freely.
Amen, come Lord Jesus! (x2)***

From Psalm 119

(A prayer for and with migrants & refugees)

May your unfailing love come to me, Lord, your salvation, according to your promise; then I can answer anyone who taunts me, for I trust in your

word. Never take your word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws. I will always obey your law, for ever and ever. I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts. [...] Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope. My comfort in my suffering is this: your promise preserves my life. The arrogant mock me unmercifully, but I do not turn from your law. I remember, Lord, your ancient laws, and I find comfort in them. Indignation grips me because of the wicked, who have forsaken your law. Your decrees are the theme of my song wherever I lodge. In the night, Lord, I remember your name, that I may keep your law.

Silence

In silence, we contemplate God, whose promise preserves our life. Then, we sing...

Chant 42 : Da pacem .. in diebus

***Da pacem, Domine – Give peace, Lord
da pacem, O Christe – Give peace, O Christ
in diebus nostris – in our time***

From Exodus chapter 14

When the king of Egypt was told that the Israelites had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!" So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. [...] As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Silence

Chant 35 : Bonum est confidere ♪

***It is good to place our hope
and trust in the Lord.
He is our strength and shield.
We trust in the Lord.***

A reading from St Matthew ch. 6

Jesus said, "When you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honoured by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

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.***

Long Silence

Food for Thought in the Silence

"In prayer, God does not ask us to accomplish wonders that are too much for us. But God does enable us to surrender ourselves to Him in great simplicity. And the Holy Spirit suggests simple words: 'Christ, what do you want from me?'"

Br. Roger of Taizé *Peace of Heart In All Things*

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!***