

*O God, keep watch over the gate of our lips; may every hurt of this day be buried in your forgiveness. **Lord, have mercy.***

*Lord Jesus, shine your light into the hearts that can no longer find the road to you.
Lord, have mercy.*

*Lord Jesus, may your love surround and protect all those who are persecuted for their trust in you.
Lord, have mercy.*

*O Christ, have mercy on all those who have been driven from their homes by war.
Lord, have mercy.*

*Merciful God, remain alongside all who are undergoing a night of torment, the ill, the dying and the homeless. **Lord, have mercy.***

*Lord Jesus, help us to walk closely with you in the week ahead, to hear your voice and to do your will. **Lord, have mercy.***

Chant 127 : I am sure I shall see

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger, founder of the Taizé Community

Holy Spirit, you have a call for every one of us. So come, prepare our hearts to discover what it is that you expect of each of us.

Chant 142 : Exaudi orationem meam

*Your love embraces me and sustains me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, let my cry come to you.
You dwell in light eternal, living God,
Everlasting, merciful.*

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

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Taizé Prayer 79 (58) 4th October 2015 (18th After Trinity)

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for the 18th 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 50 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

"God very well knows what is our need and all He does is for our benefit. If we knew how much He loves us, we should be ever ready to receive equally at His hand the sweet and the bitter."

Brother Lawrence
The Practice of the Presence of God (1691)

Chant 9 : Jésus le Christ ♪

From Psalm 142

(A prayer for and with God's people in the Middle East)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negev. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Silence

In silence, we contemplate God, our refuge.
Then, we sing...

Chant 124 : L'ajuda em vindrà

(CLM 28 – May be sung as a round)

***I lift up my eyes to the hills;
From where shall come my help?
My help is in God who created the earth,
The earth and the heavens.***

From Joshua chapter 3

When the people [of Israel] set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people.

Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Chant 26 : La ténèbre ♪

From Matthew chapter 10

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. [...] These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. [...] 'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them,

for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.'

Silence

Chant 18 : Confitemini Domino

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

Long Silence

Food for Thought in the Silence

“The desert is a place where God’s work has gone underground for a while. Though we may see or hear nothing of God’s action within us, we have to conclude that He is merely invisible for the time being and not absent. [...] It is often at the times when God seems to become quiet and distant that He is in fact doing the most profound things.”

Paul Wallis *Rough Ways in Prayer*

Chant 29 : Ostende nobis

***Have mercy, O Lord,
Have mercy on us.
You come to set your people free.
O, come and set your people free!***

Intercessions

(Responses in bold type are for all)

*Lord Christ, reveal the presence of your Kingdom in our midst. **Lord, have mercy.***