

Intercessions

*Lord Christ, we thank you for all who have gone before us in the faith and who, by their example, have touched our lives. Grant that we, in our turn, may lead others to love and trust you. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.***

*O God, keep watch over the gate of our lips; may every hurt of this week be buried in your forgiveness. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Lord Jesus, give your light to the hearts that can no longer find the road to you. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.***

*O Christ, by your life offered to God, show us the road to a life of holiness. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.***

*O Christ, remain alongside all who are undergoing a night of torment, the ill and the homeless. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.***

*O Christ, keep us from the snares of discouragement and worry. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.***

Chant 115 : The Kingdom of God

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger, founder of the Taizé Community

Holy Spirit, you fill the universe, and you bring within the reach of our fragile humanity these Gospel values: goodness of heart, forgiveness, compassion.

Silence

Chant 141 : Bleib mit deiner Gnade ♪

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Taizé Prayer 80 (59) 1st November 2015 (All Saints)

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for All Saints

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 over 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

Food for thought in the silence

“O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!”

William W. How

Chant 23 : Laudate omnes gentes

A reading from Psalm 148

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever. He issued a decree that will never pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and

clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens.

Silence

In the silence, we reflect on God's abundant goodness. Then, confident of his mercy and forgiveness, we sing...

Chant 140 : Il Signore ti ristora

***You restore me and embrace me.
Never will you reject me.
In your love, you run with joy to meet me.
Lord, you always seek me.***

A reading from Isaiah chapt 65

“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. [...] Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.”

Silence

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.***

A reading from Hebrews 11-12

There were other [men and women of faith] who faced jeers and flogging, even chains and imprisonment. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Silence

Chant 50 : Nada te turbe

***Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
God alone fills us.***

Long Silence

Food for thought in the silence

“Hebrews is keenly aware that the readers are in danger of being weary with all that they are facing, day after day: threats, persecution, intimidation and mockery from their contemporaries, their neighbours and perhaps their former friends. [...] They must keep going; they must remind themselves continually of the one who blazed this trail in the first place; they must think how much worse it was for him. That way they will keep from becoming worn out completely. As so often in the Christian life, reminding yourself of *truth*, not trying to conjure up *feelings* of this or that sort, is the way to keep going in faith and patience.”

Tom Wright, *Hebrews for Everyone*

Chant 12 : De nocte ♪