

*That our divided country may find wholeness and reconciliation in the love and forgiveness which Christ offers. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.***

*That out of turmoil and political instability may come a new sense of purpose and direction. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.***

*That people at war with each other may make peace. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.***

*That immigrants and visitors to our country may receive a warm welcome. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.***

*That the sick may experience divine healing and the downhearted find peace in God's love. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.***

Our Father....

Chant 120 : Kristus, din Ande ♪

Silence

A prayer by Mother Teresa of Calcutta

*Lord Jesus, make us realise that it is only by frequent deaths of ourselves and our self-centred desires that we can come to live more fully; for it is only by dying with you that we can rise with you. **Amen***

Silence

Chant 141 : Bleib mit deiner Gnade ♪

We leave in silence.

Please allow those who wish to do so to continue to pray undisturbed.

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Taizé Prayer 87 (76) 3rd July 2016 (6th After Trinity)

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for Trinity 6

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

Food for Thought in the Silence

“God's forgiveness never fails. In the course of his entire life and even on the cross, Christ forgave; he refused to condemn anyone. To know that we have been forgiven and to forgive in our turn, this is one of the most liberating joys. It is the source of the inner peace that Christ wants to communicate to us. The Church, the gathering of those who love Christ, is called to let herself be transformed by mercy. ‘When the Church listens, heals and reconciles, it becomes what it is at its most luminous, a communion of love, of compassion, of comfort, a clear reflection of the Risen Christ.’ (Brother Roger)”

Letter 2016, Brother Alois of Taizé

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!**

From Psalm 91

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. [...] Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. [...]

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Silence

In the silence, we entrust ourselves and our country to God, who is our refuge and our fortress in time of trouble; we seek his forgiveness of our sins; and then we sing...

Chant 26 : La ténèbre ♪

A reading from 2 Chronicles 7

Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: 'I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.'

Chant 44 : Adoramus te O Christe

adoramus te – we adore you

A reading from Jeremiah 17

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. [...] They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Chant 50 : Nada te turbe ♪

Long Silence

For Silent Reflection

"We need to go beyond the fear of strangers and of cultural differences. Such fear is comprehensible: those who help to welcome migrants generously are sometimes totally worn out. Fear will not diminish, however, by isolating ourselves behind walls, but rather by going toward those whom we do not yet know. Instead of seeing in the stranger a threat to our standard of living or our culture, is it not urgent to welcome one another as members of one and the same human family?"

Letter 2016, Brother Alois of Taizé

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)***

Silence

Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*We pray that Christians everywhere may have the courage to spread the good news. Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.*

*That violence and hatred may be defeated by love.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.***