

For all who believe, that they may be faithful witnesses to the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have been called to ministry in the Church, that they may be given wisdom and strength, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Christians struggling with temptation, that they may be given grace to follow the way of holiness, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the goods of the earth may be shared among all and that ways may be found to restrain human greed and violence, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor and afflicted. For those who are persecuted for their allegiance to Christ. For all who are seeking justice, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Chant 145 : Our Father

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger of Taizé

God of consolation, even when we feel nothing of your presence, still, you are there. Your presence is invisible but your Holy Spirit is always within us.

Silence

Chant 12 : De nocte ♪

We leave in silence.

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

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Taizé Prayer 90 6th November 2016 (3rd Before Advent)

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for 3rd Sunday Before Advent

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

“This is the reason why we have no ease of heart of soul, for we are seeking our rest in trivial things that cannot satisfy and not seeking to know God, almighty, all-wise, all good. He is true rest. It is his will that we should know him and his pleasure that we should rest in him. Nothing less will satisfy us.”

Revelations of Divine Love, Julian of Norwich

Chant 56 : Sanctum nomen Domini

***sanctum nomen – the holy name
domini – of the Lord
magnificat anima mea – my soul praises***

From Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you.

Silence

In the silence, we entrust ourselves to God, who gives us a firm place to stand. We seek his forgiveness of our sins; and then we sing...

Chant 26 : La ténèbre ♪

A reading from 1 Kings 3

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. [...] So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. [...]" The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for, both wealth and honour, so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

Chant 59 : Venite, exultemus Domino ♪

A reading from Romans 8

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. [...] I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Chant 17 : El Senyor ♪

Long Silence

For Silent Reflection

"At present we are on the outside of the world, the wrong side of the door. We discern the freshness and purity of morning, but they do not make us fresh and pure. We cannot mingle with the splendours we see. But all the leaves of the New Testament are rustling with the rumour that it will not always be so. Some day, God willing, we shall get in."

The Weight of Glory, C.S.Lewis

Chant 139 : Aber du weißt den Weg

**Lord, gather all my thoughts,
Fill my heart with your love.
In you I find light in the deepest night.
In you I find patience and help in time of need.
Though I often do not understand,
I will trust you, who hold me by the hand**

Silence

Intercessions

*That Christians may never cease to reach out towards all people and to work for reconciliation in the whole human family, let us pray to the Lord.
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