

## Intercessions

*Loving God, We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice, oppression and ignorance: for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty, hunger and self-interest. Holy Spirit: **Help Us.***

*We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain; for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement. Holy Spirit: **Help Us.***

*We ask for the peace and courage of your Spirit for those living in the shadow of war and violence; for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety and whose life has become hard and dry. Holy Spirit: **Help Us.***

*We ask for the wisdom of your Spirit for those entitled to vote in the General Election on Thursday. Guide our choices. Provide this country with leaders whose priorities reflect your unconditional love for all. Holy Spirit: **Help Us.***

Chant 145 : Our Father

Silence

Chant 9 : Jésus le Christ ♪

A prayer by Brother Alois, Prior of the Taizé Community

*Jesus, our hope, through the Gospel you enable us to understand that you came to earth not just for one part of humanity but for everyone. We give you thanks for welcoming and loving every human being without exception.*

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!*

We leave in silence.

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Taizé Prayer 96 4th June 2017

## Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for Pentecost

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***

'Peace on earth begins in the heart of each person. It is first of all our hearts that have to be changed, and this change involves a simple conversion, allowing God's Spirit to dwell within us, welcoming a peace that will spread out and be communicated from one person to another. "Achieve inner peace and thousands around you will be saved." (Seraphim of Sarov, a Russian monk, 1759–1833.)'

Brother Alois, Prior of Taizé  
*Together, Opening Paths of Hope (2017)*

Chant : Seek treasure

***Seek treasure that will not fail  
And give to those in need.  
For where your treasure is  
There too will be your heart.***

Psalm 67

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all*

*nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.*

### Silence

In the silence, we bring to mind our sins. Then, trusting in God's mercy and goodness, we sing...

### Chant 23 : Laudate omnes gentes ♪

#### From Joel chapter 2

*Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; [...]. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten [...] You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. [...] Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

### Silence

### Chant 14 : Tui amoris ignem ♪

#### From Acts chapter 2

*But Peter, standing with the eleven disciples, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be*

*known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.[...]" 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ... this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. [...]' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'*

### Long Silence

#### **Food for Thought in the Silence**

“Before his death, Jesus made a mysterious announcement; he said to his disciples, I will send you an Other who will help you, he will be with you always; he will even be within you. This announcement is for us, too. This Other who is with us is the Holy Spirit. [...] Do we realize enough how extraordinary this message is? After the resurrection of Jesus, God comes to dwell within every human being. God's presence is infinitely discreet. If we cannot always feel this presence, this is not because our faith is insufficient, but because God does not impose himself. God never does violence to our consciousness; he respects our dignity and autonomy. Faith is that simple trust in his presence within us. Believing that the breath of the Holy Spirit speaks in our depths God's yes to our existence. And his presence in us awaits our yes in order to come to fulfillment.”

Brother Alois, Prior of Taizé  
*A Little Parable (2016)*

### Chant 115 : The kingdom of God

### Silence