

Govern and direct your church, those whom you have called to follow Christ; fill them with love, mercy and truth; and grant them unity.

Hear us, good Lord

Give us boldness to preach the Gospel through the lives we lead, the choices we make and the words we speak.

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Give light to those who sit in darkness, the darkness of doubt and confusion, of depression and grief, of loneliness and fear.

Hear us, good Lord

Heal the sick in body and mind and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, good Lord

Our Father....

Chant 23 : Laudate omnes gentes ♪

Silence

A prayer by Brother Alois of Taizé

Risen Christ, give us simplicity of heart. And then we understand that, when we welcome the least of our neighbours, it is you that we welcome.

Silence

Chant 137 : Behüte mich, Gott

Enfold me, O God,

For I trust in you.

You show me the path to follow.

You give me joy, your joy in its fullness.

We leave in silence.

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

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Taizé Prayer 99 3rd September 2017 (12th After Trinity)

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for Trinity 12

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

'The Bible is the story of God's faithfulness. It begins with the freshness of a first love, then come the obstacles and even the human infidelities. But God is not tired of loving, he always goes looking for his people; he always seeks each and every one of us. [...] God says to each one of us: "Does a woman forget her little child? Even if there was one who forgot, I will not forget you." (Isaiah 49:15)''

Brother Alois of Taizé

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.

From Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. He is the Lord our God; his judgements are in all the earth. He is mindful of his covenant for ever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Silence

In the silence, we seek God's presence, his strength and his forgiveness of our sins; and then, in trust, we sing...

Chant 124 : L'ajuda em vindrà ♪

***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.***

A reading from Acts 18

Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla. [...] Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them [...]. Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks. When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with proclaiming the word, testifying to the Jews that the Messiah was Jesus. When they opposed and reviled him, in protest he shook the dust from his clothes and said to them, 'Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.' Then he left the synagogue and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God; his house was next door to the synagogue. Crispus, the official of the synagogue, became a believer in the Lord, together with all his household.

Chant 113 : Bóg jest miłością ♪

A reading from Mark 7

Then Jesus called the crowd and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' [...] He said to his disciples, 'Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?' (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, 'It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Chant 46 : In te confido ♪

Long Silence

For Silent Reflection

"The human will is so desperately set on mischief, so depraved, and so inclined to everything that is evil, and so disinclined to everything that is good, that without the powerful, supernatural, irresistible influence of the Holy Spirit, no human will ever be constrained towards Christ. [...] Unless Jesus Christ had sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God, I would to this very hour have been wandering far from him, at a distance from him, and loving that distance well."

Human Inability (1858), C.H. Spurgeon

Chant 30 : In manus tuas

***in manus tuas – into your hands
Pater - Father
commendo – I commit
spiritum meum – my spirit***

Silence

Intercessions

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