



Taizé Prayer for Sunday 25th July 2021

What is Taizé?

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic community in France made up of over a hundred brothers from around thirty nations. By its very existence, the community is a “parable of community” that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and separated peoples. Every year young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taizé for prayer, Bible study and communal work. The Taizé pattern of prayer involving meditative singing, bible readings and silence has influenced the worship of churches around the world.

Taizé Prayer - what's different?

In this simple service we shall sing songs: some in English and others reflecting the different languages of the global Christian community. Each song will be played first and then be sung repeatedly by everyone. The simple words express a basic reality of faith and by repeating them the words move from the mind to our whole being.

An integral part of Taizé Prayer is silence. Being still, making space for God to speak is something we may not be used to. During the silence after the bible reading you might wish to close your eyes or focus on the cross.

Leaving

There is no formal liturgical ending to this time of prayer. However, when leaving please be conscious of those around you who may wish to pray for longer. Social distancing should be observed as you leave.

After words of welcome and introduction the service continues unannounced. We remain seated throughout. Please join in with the words in bold type. The songs are sung repeatedly, please join in as you feel able.

Song

Sing praise and bless the Lord. Sing praise and bless the Lord. Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

Musical score for the first system. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord.

Musical score for the second system. It begins with a measure rest followed by a measure with a treble clef. The key signature changes to two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: om - nes gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The system ends with a double bar line and the marking "D.C." (Da Capo).

Song

God is forgiveness. Dare to forgive and God will be with you.

God is forgiveness. Love and do not fear.

Musical score for the first system of the second song. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: God is for - give - ness. Dare to for - give and God will be with you.

Musical score for the second system of the second song. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: God is for - give - ness. Love and do not fear.

Psalm 145 verses 10-19 with Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -

lu - - - ia! (Al - le - lu - ia)

D.C.

All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your mighty power,
Alleluia x6

To make known to all peoples your mighty acts
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
Alleluia x6

The Lord is sure in all his words
and faithful in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
Alleluia x6

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open wide your hand
and fill all things living with plenty.

Alleluia x6

The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.
The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.

Alleluia x6

Bible reading: Ephesians 3: 14 - end

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Song

In resurrection tua, Christe, coeli et terra laentur.

(Let heaven and earth rejoice in your resurrection, O Christ.)

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each phrase. The lyrics are: "In re-sur-rec-ti-o-ne tu-a, Chri-ste, coe-li et ter-ra lae-ten-tur. In re-sur-rec-ti-o-ne tu-a, Chri-ste, coe-li et ter-ra lae-ten-tur. In".

Silence

A period of silence between five and ten minutes is observed.

Prayers of Intercession with Kyrie 13

The prayers begin with the following. It is sung after each set of intentions.

Kyrie eleison, eleison.

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in your own language, or using the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most familiar with:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Short Prayer

God beyond all knowing,
we thank you for your faithfulness in calling us home to you.
Help us to share the love of Christ with everyone we meet,
that all may know they are loved by you.
Amen.

Song

**I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land
of the living. Yes, I shall see the goodness of our God,
hold firm,
trust in the Lord.**

Musical notation for the first system of the first song. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 4/4, which changes to 2/4 and then back to 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "I am sure I shall see the good-ness of the Lord in the land of the li-ving."

Musical notation for the second system of the first song, starting with a measure rest labeled '5'. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Yes, I shall see the good-ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord. I am".

Song

**Bless the Lord, my Soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my Soul, who leads me into life.**

Musical notation for the first system of the second song. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name."

Musical notation for the second system of the second song, starting with a measure rest labeled '5'. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life."

Song

Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus.

Confitemini Domino, alleluia.

(Give thanks to the Lord for he is Good.)

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, quo - ni - am bo - nus." The second system of music has the lyrics: "Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - - - ia." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

There is no formal ending to this time of prayer.

Please just leave quietly when you are ready, remembering to follow the current guidance on outside gatherings.

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