Taizé Prayer

Taizé Prayer is filled with song, scripture, and silent meditation. It is based on Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and is modeled on the style of prayer in the Taizé Community in France. The sanctuary is candlelit and the music is repetitive and chant-like. Those who attend regularly find a profound peace and tranquility in this style of prayer. This style of prayer began on our campus during the season of Lent in the year 2001. Everyone, regardless of one's faith tradition, is welcome to this ecumenical prayer service.

For those that are new to our tradition at Loyola, here are a few aides to the prayer:

1) We gather in communal prayer. During this period of Covid-19, we are asked to refrain from singing in the chapel, but those at home may do so, but please be respectful of your neighbors.

2) The Our Father is usually sung to the tone and translation used in the Taizé Community. During the period of Covid-19, we will recite it in English.

3) In the prayer of Taizé, repetition is important. Repeating a song gives us time to meditate on the deeper meaning of the lyrics and it also allows us to pause at times so that we can listen to the song without singing. In this way when we sing, we support others’ prayer and when we are silent, others support our quiet reflection. For those in the chapel, it is an opportunity to meditate deeply on the texts we sing.

4) The period of silence is often about 10 minutes in length for silent prayer.

5) Learn more about the international, ecumenical community of Taizé by visiting them on the web at: [www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr)
BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Text: Psalm 46; Steven C. Warner

Verses from Psalm 46 are chanted during the ostinato.
AD TE JESU CHRISTE/ I LIFT MY SOUL UP TO YOU

Ad te Jesus Christe levavi animam
I lift up my soul to you, Christ Jesus, my redeemer.
Salvator mundi, in te speravi.
All earth’s salvation, my hope is in you.

*optional entry

Text: Taizé Community
Tune: Taizé Community

Psalm

Alleluia 11

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Tune: Taizé Community

Verses from Psalm 126 are chanted.
If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part. (...) And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. (Corinthians 1:1-9.13)
Translation: It is good to hope and trust in the Lord.

Silence

Intercessions

Tune: Taizé Community
Lord’s Prayer

~~~ as we recite this together during the time of Covid-19, please take the guide from the leaders for the speed ~~~

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.

Keep us from temptation,

and deliver us from evil.

Amen!

Concluding Collect
BLESS THE LORD

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