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 recite it together slowly 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 about 5 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
BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Text: Psalm 46; Steven C. Warner

Verses from Psalm 46 are chanted during the ostinato.
Translation: By night we hasten, in darkness, to search for living water, only our thirst leads us onwards.
Psalm

Verse from Psalm 51 are chanted between each antiphon.

Translation: Jesus Christ, light of our hearts, we praise you.

Scripture

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. (...)Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.” (John 6: 35-40)
BONUM EST CONFIDERE

Bo-num est con-fi-de-re in Do-mi-no,

bo-num spe-ra-re in Do-mi-no.

Contributors: Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community
Translation: It is good to trust in the Lord, it is good to hope in the Lord

Silence

Intercessions

Kyri-e elei-son, e-le-i-son.

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
ADORAMUS TE, CHRISTE

Text: LATIN; Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

Translation: We adore you, Jesus Christ, and we bless your Holy Name; truly your cross and passion bring us life and healing.

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