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 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.

[Music notation]
BÓG JEST MIŁOŚCIĄ

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

God is forgiveness. Love and do not fear.

Text: Originally in Polish; Taizé Community, 2017
Tune: Taizé Community, 2017

Psalm

Alleluia 11

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

Tune: Taizé Community

Verses from Psalm 150 are chanted.
Scripture
Jesus said: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. (John 15:9-13)
I AM SURE I SHALL SEE

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. I am

Text: ENGLISH; Psalm 27:13; Taizé Community
Tune: Taizé Community

Silence

Intercessions

KYRIE 6

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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
EL SENYOR

Ostinato Refrain

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Text: Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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