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.
UBI CARITAS ET AMOR

Ostinato Refrain

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; Where charity and love are found, God is there; Taizé Community, 1978
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

Psalm

Text: Taizé Community

Verses from Psalm 139 are chanted.
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. (1 John 3:1-3)
AD TE JESU CRISTE/ I LIFT UP MY SOUL TO YOU

Text: Taizé Community
Tune: Taizé Community

Silence

Intercessions

Tune: Taizé Community
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!
The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Come, Lord, and

open in us the gates of your kingdom.

Text: Taizé Community
Tune: Taizé Community

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