

Evening Taizé Prayer

25 February 2021 7:00 p.m.

Live Stream @ St Anselm
Roman Catholic Church,
Sudbury, Massachusetts

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 candle-lit and the music is repetitive and chant-like. Those who attend regularly find a profound peace and tranquility in this style of prayer. Everyone, regardless of one's faith tradition, is welcome to this ecumenical prayer service.

For those who are new to this prayer style, 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 Church, but those at home may do so.
- 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 Church, 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) we look forward to praying with you. Learn more about the international, ecumenical community of Taizé by visiting them on the web at: www.taize.fr. If you enjoy the style of prayer from the Taizé community, you are invited to join them virtually from their community in France: https://www.taize.fr/en_article28227.html.

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

NADA TE TURBE

Nada te turbe, nada te espante; Quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta

Nada te turbe, nada te espante: Solo Dios basta

(Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; he who has God, lacks for nothing

Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; God alone suffices)

L'AJUDA EM VINDRA DEL SENYOR

L'ajuda em vindra del Senyor

Del Senyor, el nostre Deu

Que ha fet el cel I la terra

El celi la terra...

(Help will come to me from the Lord

Of the Lord our God.

That Heaven and earth have done

Heaven and earth.)

OUR SOUL IS WAITING

Our soul is waiting for God, our hearts find joy in the Lord.

SCRIPTURE

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew: 7-12, 7)

STAY WITH ME

Stay with me, remain here with me.

Watch and pray.

MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo

(I will sing forever the mercy of God.)

SILENCE

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen!

NOTHING CAN EVER COME BETWEEN US AND THE LOVE OF GOD

Nothing can ever come between us and the love of God.

The love of God, revealed to us in Christ Jesus.