

# Night prayer Taizé



# **Gathering**



Welcome and Introduction

Officiant The Lord says: I stand at the door and knock.

If you hear my voice and open the door,

I will come in and eat with you, and you with me.

Officiant Blessed are the poor in spirit:

All for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Officiant Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness:

All for they will be filled.

Officiant Praise the Lord!

All The Lord's name be praised! Amen.



Please sit. The whole congregation joins in with the text in bold and says the whole verse without a pause, taking our cue from the officiant.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber
- 4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

A period of silence is kept.



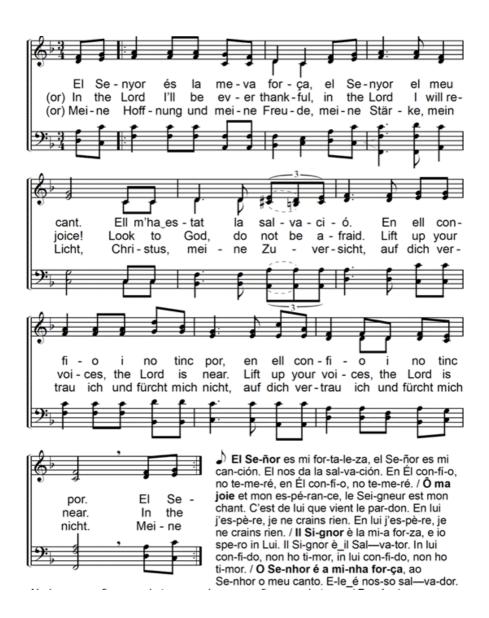
Matthew 5: 17–19

#### Jesus said:

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.'

Reader Here ends the reading.

The reading is followed by a time of silence.



## After each section of the Prayers, we sing:



## Voice 1 Eternal God,

whom our words may cradle but never contain, we thank you for all the sound and silence and colour and symbol which through the centuries have helped the worship of your Church to be relevant and real.

Here we pause to remember those who helped us come to faith by singing us songs or telling us stories by inviting us in when we felt distant by praying for us without being asked.

# Chant O Lord, hear my prayer...

Voice 2 We remember leaders, preachers and readers, musicians and members of our congregations whose sensitivity and skill have helped us grow in faith and enjoy worshipping you.

Give to those with authority over others the wisdom to govern well and the grace to know in their hearts that nothing is firm which is not just and that the test of justice is to seek what is good.

## Chant O Lord, hear my prayer...

#### *Voice 1* We remember those

who encourage people to praise you outside the sanctuary:

those who teach young children those who lead youth groups those who take prayers in hospitals

in schools in prisons.

We remember those who are sick at home or in hospital, for those caring for them.

We name them quietly in our hearts.

# Chant O Lord, hear my prayer...

#### Leader \

We remember those unable to pray and struggling to believe those who fear change praying that they might be encouraged and that love might dispel fear.

Lord give us wisdom before we speak, understanding while we listen sensitivity towards those we meet and the perspective of your kingdom in which to see the things of the earth.

Bring us to the day's ending blessed through having shared this time together. In Christ's name we ask:

#### All Amen.

Leader As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All
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;
for thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Silence is kept.



#### The Conclusion

Leader Be of one mind, live in peace;

and the God of love and peace

be with you always.

All Amen.

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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