

Night prayer Taizé



Gathering

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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.**

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Psalm 121

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.
- 6 **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.
- 8 **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

A period of silence is kept.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your
king - dom. Je - sus, re - mem - ber me
when you come in - to your king - dom.

Reading
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.

El Se - nyor és la me - va for - ça, el Se - nyor el meu
 (or) In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
 (or) Mei - ne Hoff - nung und mei - ne Freu - de, mei - ne Stär - ke, mein

cant. Ell m'ha es - tat la sal - va - ci - ó. En ell con - joice!
 Look to God, do not be a - afraid. Lift up your Licht,
 Chri - stus, mei - ne Zu - ver - sicht, auf dich ver -

fi - o i no tinc por, en ell con - fi - o i no tinc voi - ces, the Lord is near. Lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is
 trau ich und fürcht mich nicht, auf dich ver - trau ich und fürcht mich

por. El Se -
 near. In the
 nicht. Mei - ne

El Se - ñor es mi for - ta - le - za, el Se - ñor es mi can - ción. El nos da la sal - va - ción. En Él con - fi - o, no te - me - ré, en Él con - fi - o, no te - me - ré. / **O ma joie** et mon es - pé - ran - ce, le Sei - gneur est mon chant. C'est de lui que vient le par - don. En lui j'es - pè - re, je ne crains rien. En lui j'es - pè - re, je ne crains rien. / **Il Si - gnor** è la mi - a for - za, e io spe - ro in Lui. Il Si - gnor è il Sal - va - tor. In lui con - fi - do, non ho ti - mor, in lui con - fi - do, non ho ti - mor. / **O Se - nhor** é a mi - nha for - ça, ao Se - nhor o meu canto. E - le é nos - so sal - va - dor.

After each section of the Prayers, we sing:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

My peace I leave you, my peace I give you:
trou - ble not your hearts. My peace I leave you, my
peace I give you: Be not a - fraid. My

Fine

The image shows a musical score for the Lord's Prayer. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 60. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine' with a fermata symbol.

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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