

WELCOME TO TAIZE PRAYERS AROUND THE CROSS

The songs are alphabetically listed in the songbook. We sing the songs many times, as a prayer and meditation of the heart.

Songs:

- Come and fill our hearts with your peace
- Let all who are thirsty come

Psalm 34 *(We sing 'Alleluia' # 11 between the verses)*

I will bless the Lord at all times, God's praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. the humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise God's name.
I sought the Lord and was heard; from all my terrors set free.

Look towards God and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.
When the poor cry out the Lord hears them and rescues them from all their distress.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
They are happy who seek refuge in God.

Sing: Adoramus te, Domine *(We adore you, Lord)*

Reading: 1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son for the forgiveness of our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Silence

Intercessions: *(We sing 'Kyrie Eleison' # 13 after each prayer)*

For all those who faithfully announce your Word, Lord, we pray.

Enable us to recognize your presence in our neighbors; make us attentive to the poor and the unfortunate. Lord, we pray

For those who suffer in their workplace and for those who are without work, that their dignity may be respected. Lord, we pray

For prisoners and those forgotten by society, keep us in solidarity with their suffering, O Source of comfort, we pray.

For abandoned children, that they may find peace with those who welcome them, Lord, we pray.

For scholars and researchers, that their work may benefit all humanity, Lord, we pray.

For those who have responsibilities in public life, that they may act with integrity and for the good of all, Lord, we pray.

You are invited to add your own brief prayers, ending with 'Lord we pray' or a similar ending.

Our Father, who art in heaven.....

Song: O Lord hear my prayer

Prayer Around the Cross

O living God, when in spite of repentance, our hearts condemn us, You are there, so much greater than our hearts, and you never want anyone to suffer. Your presence O God, is your confidence placed in us; it is also your forgiveness. You forget what lies behind us so that we may turn to what lies ahead: being creators with you. Waiting for you, by night and by day, means letting our hearts grow so open to all, that as the years pass, we wish more and more to burn with one and the same love – ours and yours.

Songs:

- In God alone my soul can find peace and rest
Bonum est confidere (*It is good to trust and hope in God*)

Prayer: God of all the living, enable us to surrender ourselves to you in silence and in love. Surrendering ourselves to you does not come easily to our human condition. But you intervene in the deepest recesses of our being and your will for us is the radiance of a hope.

Song: Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo