

God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit,  
you have been with us at the world's beginning

**Be with us till the world's end.**

You have been with us at our life's shaping.

**Be with us at our life's end.**

You have been with us at the sun's rising

**Be with us till the day's end.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

For the night is at hand and the day is now past.

**As the night watch looks for the morning**

**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

WELLS CHURCHES TOGETHER



# TAIZÉ PRAYER

CHANT

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in  
God I trust, in God I trust. The

**BLESSING**

The Light of the Star, the light of God's love, shines before you as you leave this place.

**All:** Let us go into the world in peace;  
have courage; hold onto what is good;  
return to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the suffering; honour all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

CHANT

In you our hearts find rest and peace-ful glad-ness. In  
you our hearts find rest and peace-ful glad-ness.

**WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER**

some of the sections will be followed by a short silence

CHANT

O Chris-te Do-mine Je-su, O Chris-te Do-mine Je-su!

**READING Jeremiah 31, 11-13**

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They  
shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall  
become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn  
their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us:

**Lord, have mercy** x 3

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations:

**Christ, have mercy** x 3

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

**Lord, have mercy.** x 3

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself,  
that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### MEDITATION

Everything holds together, everything,  
**From stars that pierce the dark like living sparks,.....**

To secret seeds that open every spring,  
**From spanning galaxies to spinning quarks,.....**

Everything holds together and coheres,  
**Unfolding from the centre whence it came.....**

And now that hidden heart of things appears,  
**The first-born of creation takes a name.....**

And shall I see the one through whom I am?  
**Shall I behold the one for whom I'm made,.....**

The light in light, the flame within the flame,  
**Image of God, image of my God?.....**

#### SONG

1. Brightest and best of the suns of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2. Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

PRAYERS *after each prayer we remain silent and then sing:*

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear our prayer, When I call answer me,  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, Come and listen to me.**

We pray for those who help us to wonder – for scientists, astronomers, designers  
of telescopes and planetariums, artists, poets and storytellers.

**O Lord hear my prayer.....**

We pray for those who will sleep under the stars tonight – for travellers,  
refugees, explorers, those without a home and for those fleeing danger.

**O Lord, Hear my prayer.....**

We pray for those who are ill or in trouble or in any kind of need . We remember  
and pray for those who have died,  
and for those who love them and miss them ...

**O Lord hear my prayer .....**

We pray for ourselves, that you will give us dreams and the courage to follow  
them ...

**O Lord hear my prayer.....**

**God of beauty and mystery,  
you love each one of us**

**and we are wonderfully and intricately made. Be close to us in our tears  
and our laughter. Keep us loving and just and full of wonder. Fill us with life.  
Amen**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHANT *Uni Caritas (Where charity and love are, there God dwells)*

U-bi ca-ri - tas, et a - mor, u-bi ca-ri - tas De-us i - bi est!