

WELLS CHURCHES TOGETHER

TAIZÉ PRAYER

WELCOME

Give us, O Lord,
a calm soul and a clear head,
a broad mind and a generous spirit.
Give us,
a warm heart and a listening ear,
our true voice and a gentle touch.
Give us,
a hunger for justice and a thirst for peace,
a passion for truth and a love of mercy.
Give us,
a painter's eye and a poet's tongue,
a saint's patience and a prophet's hope.
Give us,
a sage's wisdom and a fool's delight,
a pilgrim's purpose and an angel's content.
Amen

BLESSING

May God bless us, that in us may be found love and humility,
obedience and thanksgiving, discipline,
gentleness and peace.

CHANT



Theme: God's Reality or our vanity?

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now, With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found, We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal, To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him, In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place.

Peace on each one who comes in need, **Peace on each one who comes in joy**
Peace on each one who offers prayers, **Peace on each one who offers song.**
Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son, **Peace of the Spirit, the True One**

READING 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,
'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

CHANT

With-in our dark-est night, you kin-dle the fire that nev-er dies a-way, that nev-er dies a-way with-in our darkest night, you kindle the fire that nev-er dies a-way, that nev-er dies a-way. Wi-thin our dark-est (1st line)

MEDITATION

May God bless us with discomfort
 at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships,
so that we may live deep within our hearts.
 May God bless us with anger
 at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people,
so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.
 May God bless us with tears
 to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,
so that we reach our our hands to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy.
 And may God bless us with enough foolishness
 to believe that we can make a difference in the world,
so that we can do what others claim cannot be done,
to bring justice and kindness to all our children and neighbours across the world.

WE PRAY

after each prayer, we sing:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an-swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O

For the people and land from which refugees have fled,
 may there be peace and reconciliation between people and nations, that strangers,
 refugees, and those who seek asylum may find a welcome among us.....

We pray for all who make our laws and administer justice:
 May the God of justice be their guide.....

We pray for those who minister to the vulnerable and broken people
 We often feel powerless in the face of crushing poverty and injustice and violence;
 we ask for the courage to reach out to victims of injustice and poverty.....

Lord, you bestow on us the gift of your spirit in our lives to sustain our wavering hope,
 Accept the prayer we make from the fullness of our hearts, and grant the requests we
 make with confidence in you.....

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHANT

Ostinato (repeated continuously)
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.
 Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.