

Christ, as a light **illumine and guide me.**

Christ, as a shield **overshadow me.**

Christ under me; **Christ over me;**

Christ beside me **on my left and my right.**

This day and each day be within me and without me,

**lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.**

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;

**in the mouth of each of who speaks unto me.**

This day be within and without me,

**lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.**

**Christ as a light; Christ as a shield;**

**Christ beside me one my left and my right.**

#### BLESSING

God our Father, God our 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

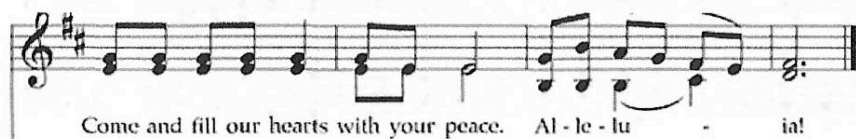
**Be with us till the day's end.**

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

Theme: Strength in weakness



God did not say "You shall not be tempest-tossed, you shall not be work-weary, you shall not be discomforted." But he said, "You shall not be overcome." God wants us to heed these words so that we shall be always strong in trust, both in sorrow and joy.

*Mother Julian of Norwich*



Based on 2 Corinthians 12. 1-10

Paul speaks of a wonderful vision the Lord has granted him but says he'll not boast of it because he doesn't want to be seen to be playing one-upmanship; so to stop him becoming arrogant God has given him a 'thorn in the flesh', ie a persistent health problem. And when he asks God to relieve hm of it his answer is: 'my grace is all you need, power is most fully seen in weakness', so Paul is happy to 'boast' of his weakness and suffering for Christ's sake' for when I am weak then am I strong'.

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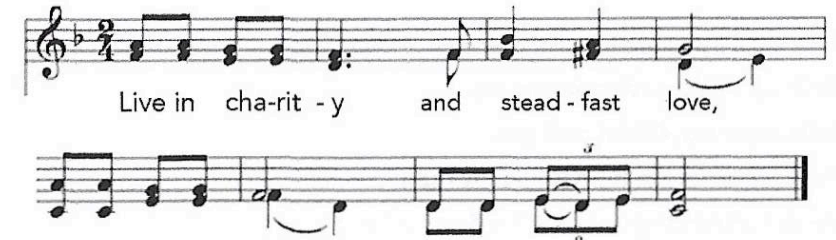
Beauty for Brokenness

MEDITATION

Disturb us, Lord, when  
We are too well pleased with ourselves, When our dreams have come true  
**Because we have dreamed too little**, When we arrived safely  
**Because we sailed too close to the shore.** .....silence  
Disturb us, Lord, when  
With the abundance of things we possess  
**We have lost our thirst For the waters of life;**.....silence  
Having fallen in love with life,  
**We have ceased to dream of eternity**  
And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
**We have allowed our vision Of the new Heaven to dim.** .....silence  
Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, To venture on wider seas  
Where storms will show your strength; Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.....silence  
**We ask You to push back The horizons of our hopes;**  
**And to push into the future In strength, courage, hope, and love.**

Francis Drake

PRAYERS



We pray Live in char-i - ty, God will dwell with you

That the barriers that divide us may be broken down,  
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That we may live by the law of love in unity, peace and concord  
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That we may come to mutual understanding and care,  
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Upon all who are torn apart by war and by violence  
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Upon all who suffer from dissensions and quarrels,  
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Upon all who are divided in their loyalty and love,  
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That all who work for unity and in the spirit of hospitality may be blessed  
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That all who seek to heal divisions between peoples may have hope  
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That all who lead nations, may seek peace  
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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