

During the year 2015, Taizé propose to all those who wish to set out "towards a new solidarity". On and around the 12th May, 100th anniversary of Brother Roger's birth, in his memory and in order to put into practice his call to follow Christ, young people are invited to lead prayers and organise an act of solidarity. There is still time to send us (info2015@taize.fr) your plans for us to put on our site.

On Sunday 10th May at 5.30pm the community will celebrate a prayer of thanksgiving in the Church of Reconciliation along with friends from the greater region around Taizé. Below you find the order of service for this prayer, as well as a special prayer written by Brother Alois to commemorate the occasion. This can be used as a basis for prayers being organised elsewhere.

Songs

Jésus le Christ / Lord Jesus Christ
Ubi caritas

Psalm

Response between each verse: Alleluia.

I love you, O Lord, my strength,
my saviour, you have saved me by your power;
the Lord is my rock everlasting,
God is my stronghold and shield.
I take shelter in God, who defends me,
like a wall, God defends me from harm;
my shelter, my fortress, I will praise him,
God saves me when I call upon his name.
In anguish, I cried out to the Lord,
I pleaded with God for help;
from his temple God heard my voice,
his ear perceived my call.
They were strong, they attacked in force,
but the Lord, my shield, was near;
God brought me through, set me free;
God saved me, for great is his love.

from Psalm 18

Reading

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:1-12

Song

Beati voi poveri

Prayer by Brother Alois

God of compassion, we give you thanks for Brother Roger's life. In a world often torn apart by violence, through his life and those of his brothers he created a parable of communion. We give you thanks for his witness to the Risen Christ and for his faithfulness right up until death.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may also be witnesses to reconciliation in our daily lives. Make of us builders of unity among Christians where they are separated, bearers of peace among people when they are opposed. Help us to live in solidarity with those who are poor, be they near or far away.

With Brother Roger we would like to say: Happy those you abandon themselves to you, O God, with a trusting heart. You hold us in joy, simplicity, mercy.

Silence

Litany of Praise

Sung response between each intention: Laudamus te.

- O Christ, you have revealed the Father's love and you are alive forever, we bless you. Praise to you, O Risen Christ.
- O Christ, you ascended to your Father and at his side you intercede for us. Praise to you, O Risen Christ.
- O Christ, you were close to the little ones of this world and you continue to call them your brothers and sisters. Praise to you, O Risen Christ.
- O Christ, you breath your Holy Spirit upon each one us, as you did to your disciples. Praise to you, O Risen Christ.
- O Christ, you inspire the hearts of so many people throughout the world, welcoming refugees, helping victims of disaster, committing themselves to peace and fellowship. Praise to you, O Risen Christ.
- O Christ, you called your disciples to be one, that the world might believe. Support all those seeking ways of unity between the Christian Churches. Praise to you, O Risen Christ.
- O Christ, you stand beside all those working for justice and peace in Syria, in Iraq, in Afghanistan, in South Sudan, in Cuba. Praise to you, O Risen Christ.

Our Father

Songs

Bless the Lord
Il Signore ti ristora
Tui amoris ignem
Laudate omnes gentes
In resurrectione tua
Ô toi l'au-delà de tout