

Online Taizé Prayer

FLOW of the Prayer Conducted on Zoom (using Apple Keynote) Total duration: approx. 35 min

1. Introduction – These are **Instructions** for participation on screen, and an invitation to **type intercessory requests** in the chat box before the start of the actual prayer.
2. **Welcome** (*live*) – optional.
3. A **Bell** rung to indicate the start of prayer (*live*)
4. Chant to **Holy Spirit** (*pre-recorded*)
5. **Chants** and Psalms of Taizé (*pre-recorded*)
6. Invitation to participants to make a very brief prayer of **Thanksgiving** (*live, spontaneous*)
7. Short **Scripture** Reading (*live*)
8. Silent **Reflection** (*aided by 2 or 3 slides, approx. 5 -7 min in all*)
9. **Intercessions** (*spoken live*) with chant response (*pre-recorded*) and accompanied by slides displaying the intercessions that were sent in the chat at the start.
10. The Lord's Prayer and a **Closing Prayer** (*live*)
11. Closing **Chant/s** (*pre-recorded*)
12. A **Bell** rung to indicate the end of prayer (*live*)

Features: Easy to do; Use of simple chants pre-recorded by a choir; Takes around 2 to 3 weeks preparation to organize.

Preparation work

- A group of young people come together to choose a **theme**. (*can be a choir or a youth group led by a choir director or group leader*)
- Based on **personal sharing** about day to day situations at the local and global level a theme emerges.
- **A sentence or phrase from Scripture** can be proposed by each and shared, to bring out the theme. The most suitable is identified.
- Deeper Sharing and reflection on the scripture line follows over the next few days, based on which the **Reflection** presentation is drawn up using words, questions, or simple illustrated graphics. The key aspect is simplicity. The final reading of scripture may include a few lines before and after the key scripture line.
- **Intercessions** are prepared by another group of participants. Appropriate chants are chosen by choir leader.
- The Flow of the Prayer is put into a **Keynote/PowerPoint** presentation. Reviewed.
- Time best suited for all to participate is fixed.
- A Zoom Link is created. The LINK is shared with all including friends and relatives and parishioners.

Production/Execution/Technical

- Select the Taizé chants you would like to use from the wide selection available.
- When choirs are not meeting in person, each singer may record his/her parts on their mobile phones. The accompanying track is sent to them.
- Compile the recordings to produce the final choir performance.
- Each group can find their own way of recording and producing the choir chants.
- Put all the pre-recorded parts into Keynote/PowerPoint according to the flow, taking care to leave one blank slide for anything live.
- During the prayer, sort the intercessions received on the Zoom chat into categories and inserting them into the Keynote slides.

P.S. We propose creating a bank of chants recorded by various choirs that can be made available for use by anyone.

References:

Template in Keynote/PowerPoint:

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!ApAAIFsggF7ugoMDDW5AW9wo1NTB8Q?e=1CcF3i>

For the prayer done Aug 21 visit:

<https://youtu.be/3Ss-onANscM>