

Night Prayer November 2021

Adapted from the Taize community. A simple act of worship using silence, readings and prayer to create a space to 'be' - in the presence of God.

Prayers and readings are inspired and taken from the Taize Community as a suggestion and you are welcome to use or replace with your own choice of Bible verse to reflect on. The Taize suggestions for each evening are to be found following the liturgy below

The Lord be with you

And also with you

We light a candle as a sign that we welcome in God's Shalom to our gathering this night

Opening prayer

Jesus, peace of our hearts,
you call each of us
to follow you.

To whom should we go, other than you?

You Christ, have the words
that give life to our souls.

A period of silence to 'be'

Creator God, star-maker, world-turner, love-source:

You have invited us to come,

And here we are.

We bring our whole selves to you.

Lord Jesus, person-cherisher, life-sharer, our guide:

You have invited us to come,

And here we are:

We bring our whole lives to you.

Spirit of God, life-giver, risk-taker, breath of God:

You have invited us to come,

And here we are:

We bring our whole selves to you

Short period of silence

Each person is sacred

Every life is holy ground

Living God, grant us the grace to see your image not just in those we know and like but in those across the barriers of our own making.

Each person matters

Every life is valuable

Living God, transform us with your love so that we can be open to the stranger and welcoming to the guest at the door.

Each person is important

Every life is precious

Living God, stretch and challenge us, so that we can receive every person as if we were receiving God.

Mighty God, Holy and strong one,

Give us strength to do what you would have us do.

Deliver us from lack of purpose,

Free us from confusion of mind,

Save us from lack of integrity.

Maintain in us vision and ideals,

Sustain our openness and generosity.

Help us to continue to work for you,

That we may serve you all our days. Amen

Bible verses *and short reflection*

Closing Prayers

May we leave here tonight,

A little more unveiled,

A little closer to our true selves,

A little more inspired, healed,

comforted, challenged.

The blessing of the creator

who made you in the divine image

be upon you,

The blessing of the God of life.

The blessing of Christ
who unveils God's glory
be upon you,

The blessing of the God of love.

The blessing of the spirit
who inspires us to be our true selves
be upon you,

The blessing of the God of truth

The peace of all peace
Be ours this night
In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Mon, 1 November

ALL SAINTS

We are already God's children. What we shall be in the future has not yet been revealed, but we know that we shall be like God because we shall see God as he really is.

1 John 3:1-3

Tue, 2 November

What is true worship? What is our response to God and how does that show in our real lives?

Romans 12: 1-3

Wed, 3 November

You are built upon the foundations of the apostles and prophets, and Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:19-22

Thu, 4 November

Let no one seek their own interest, but rather the good of others. Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:23-31

Fri, 5 November

Jesus said to his disciples: Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the Kingdom.

Luke 12:22-32

Sat, 6 November

Jesus saw a poor widow put two small coins into the temple treasury and, calling his disciples, he said, "In truth I tell you this poor widow has put in more than all the others, for they all gave out of

their wealth, but she in her poverty has put in everything she possessed, even what she needed to live on.”

Mark 12:41-44

SUN, 7 November

Christ, having offered himself only once to take away the sins of the many, will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:22-2

Mon, 8 November

Paul writes: I want you to know that the Gospel I preached is no human message, nor did I receive or learn it from any human being, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:11-24

Tue, 9 November

Through the Church, God’s manifold wisdom is at work according to the plan God had from all eternity in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:7-13

Wed, 10 November

Moses said: God is our rock. God’s works are perfect, all God’s ways are just.

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Thu, 11 November

Jesus said: Happy are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice.

Luke 11:27-28

Fri, 12 November

Paul writes: I am thankful to Christ Jesus, our Lord, who has strengthened me and judged me trustworthy, by calling me to his service.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

SUN, 14 November

Jesus said: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Mark 13:24-32

Mon, 15 November

God says: Call me and I shall answer you, and tell you great and unsearchable things of which you know nothing.

Jeremiah 33:1-3

Tue, 16 November

Paul writes: It is God who, for his own generous purpose, gives you the intention and the power to act.

Philippians 2:12-16

Wed, 17 November

In Christ you have heard the word of truth and the good news of your salvation. And having put your trust in it, you have received the mark of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:3-14

Thu, 18 November

Paul writes: The law of the Spirit, which gives life in Christ Jesus, has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-11

Fri, 19 November

Proclaim the Lord Christ holy in your hearts and always be ready to answer people who ask you the reason for the hope you have.

1 Peter 3:8-17

SUN, 21 November

Jesus said to Pilate: For this I was born, and for this I came into the world: to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

John 18:33-37

Mon, 22 November

God is my rock and my stronghold, one worthy of praise. I called on the Lord and have been saved.

2 Samuel 22:1-20

Tue, 23 November

Jesus said: It is written in the prophets, "They will all be taught by God." Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.

John 6:41-47

Wed, 24 November

Jesus said: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21

Thu, 25 November

You, O God, are our Father and Redeemer. You act for those who trust in you and welcome those who accomplish justice joyfully.

Isaiah 63:16b; 64:3-4

Fri, 26 November

Blessed are they who stand firm in times of difficulty. They will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12-18

SUN, 28 November

ADVENT

Jesus said: Be on the watch and pray at all times.

Luke 21:25-36

Mon, 29 November

"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Psalms 27

Tue, 30 November

St ANDREW

Paul writes: There is no difference between persons: all have the same Lord, who generously blesses all who call on him.

Romans 10:11-13