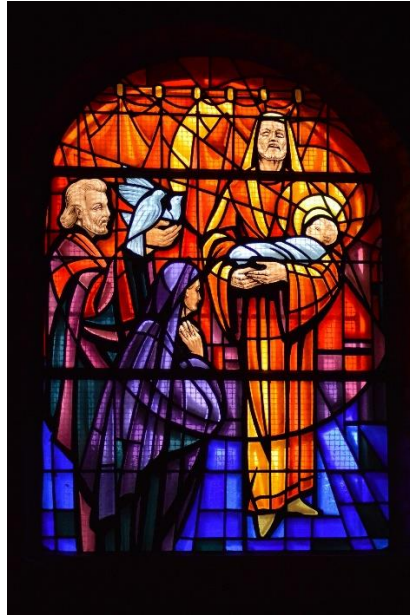




Taizé Prayer for Candlemas

5 February 2025



Opening Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Chant I Jésus le Christ (*Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us. Let not my doubts or my darkness speak to me. Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us. Let my heart always welcome your love.*)

Jé-sus le Christ, lu-mière in-té-rieu-re, ne lais-se pas mes té-nè-bres me par-

-ler. Jé-sus le Christ, lu-mière in-té-rieu-re, don-ne-

-moi d'ac-cueil-lir ton a-mour. Jé-sus le

Psalms 24.7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates;
 be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
 and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’
 ‘The Lord, strong and mighty,
 the Lord who is mighty in battle.’

Lift up your heads, O gates;
 be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
 and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is this King of glory?’
 ‘The Lord of hosts,
 he is the King of glory.’

Chant 2 C'est toi ma lampe, Seigneur (*Your word, O Lord, is a light. My God, enlighten my darkness. O Lord, my God, enlighten my darkness. O Lord, my God, enlighten my darkness.*)

C'est toi malam - pe, Sei - gneur. Mon Dieu é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. Sei - gneur, mon

Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. Sei - gneur, mon Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. C'est

Reading Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Silence for around 5 minutes

Chant 3 Heureux qui s'abandonne à toi (*Happy are those who abandon themselves to you with a trusting heart. You keep us in joy, simplicity and mercy.*)

Heu - reux qui s'a-ban-donne à toi, ô Dieu, dans la con - fian - ce du cœur.

Tu nous gar-des dans la joie, la sim- pli - ci - té, la mi - sé - ri - cor - de. Heu

Prayers of Intercession with Chant 4 Kyrie 8

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Chant 5 Veni Creator Soiritus (canon) (*Come, Creator, Holy Spirit, come, Creator Spirit, come!*)

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2 Ve - ni Cre - a - tor, ve - ni Cre - a - tor,



ve - ni Cre - a - tor Spi - ri - tus.

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Amen.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Chant 6 *Christe, lux mundi (O Christ, light of the world, whoever follows you will have the light of life.)*

Chri-ste, lux mun - di, qui se-qui-tur te ha - be-bit lu-men vi tae, lu-men vi-tae

Please stay as long as you wish for silent prayer.

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