



## PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF THE TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

This ecumenical prayer for peace among all Christians and for reconciliation among all peoples is celebrated at St. Joseph Church 4801 Main Street, Downers Grove, on the third Sunday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

*Prayer in the Spirit of the Taizé Community* is modeled on the daily prayer of the Taizé community in France, an ecumenical monastic community, founded by Brother Roger in the 1940's, whose very existence "is a 'parable of community' that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples."



One of the practices on Fridays in Taizé is to conclude with *Prayer around the Cross*. Though we do not gather on Fridays, it is still appropriate for us to enter into this deeply moving prayer. This is a time for all of us to come forward to the Cross, spend some time laying before Christ the burdens within our hearts; the burdens of our families, friends, and community; and of course, the heavy burdens of our world.

***February 18, March 18, September 16,  
and November 18 will include  
Prayer around the Cross.***



As a community of faith, surrounded in candlelight, we sing simple songs and chants, we enter into silence, we open ourselves to the Lord's presence, we draw closer to the heart of God. We pray for a true spirit of reconciliation within our household, within our communities, within our world: that all hearts may know love, that all peoples may know freedom, that all lands may know peace.

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