

Taize Service for January 6, 2022
7:00 p.m. Central Time Hybrid

We celebrate a new year, new opportunities, new possibilities.

Read and reflect as you wait for the Service to begin tonight:

What is there about myself that I need to change?

How do I want the year 2022 to be different than 2021?

When people share what is happening deep in their souls, they often say things like...

- “I feel like something is missing.”
- “I feel like there must be more to life.”
- “I feel like I have so much more to offer.”

Life is full of transitions. Life is a transition.

To reclaim something is to retrieve, recover, or obtain a *right relationship* with something previously lost, given or stolen.

It's time to reclaim your life. It's a NEW YEAR, what do I need to do to RENEW myself?

I know it will take perseverance and energy to RENEW myself so I can renew my goals. It's crucial that we learn how to stoke and fan the flames of enthusiasm, so we can get it to grow. Our enthusiasm tank can be refilled, and we can do things to refill it, and we can do things to refill other people's enthusiasm.



Prelude of soft flute music

As someone lights vigil lights from Christ Candle, Fr. Ron prays:

May these holy candles send forth dancing rays
like sunrise on the most glorious morning.
May these rays of light encircle us and those we love,
as we celebrate the beginnings of a new year.
We give you thanks, O God, for this happy moment
and we ask that as we are one in this circle of light
with all those who are dear to us,

we may always be one with you
in the circle of your loving presence.

Service

Begins with a chime to call us to prayer 3x

Chant 6x *led by Erin, but everyone is invited to sing from the beginning*

Come and be with us Holy Spirit, come and pray in us,
come and visit us, Holy Spirit, Spirit come, Spirit come.

Songs & Prayers from Taize #42

A reading from Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim by Fr. Ed Hays

Prayer by Fr. Ron

Green is your color, O God,
the green of new life
that lovingly transfigures earth's dreariness,
long-held prisoner
by the icy web of winter's cold.

Green up my heart with hope,
in your perpetual promise of life.

Send forth from my soul
new shoots, fresh buds
eager to grow in your divine image.

Amen.

Chant 6x *led by Erin and Gloria, but everyone is invited to sing from the beginning*

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev'ry heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!
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Songs & Prayers from Taize #18

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:17-24

Silence 5 minutes

Chime

Petitions

Fr. Ron: As you offer prayers of petition, light a votive candle after each, as we all sing the refrain.

2x *led by Fr. Ron, but everyone is invited to sing from the beginning*

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Songs & Prayers from Taize #20

1. The angels announced peace to all; that all conflict will be resolved peacefully; we pray.

2. That God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference; we pray.

3. The Son of God became human like us; that we will recognize God's life in one another; we pray.

4. That families today will know God's presence in their midst; we pray.

5. For those whose lives were devastated by tornados last month; we pray.

Fr. Ron invites others to add spontaneous prayers. Sing refrain after each.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi *pray together:*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Chant 5x *led by Erin and Gloria, but everyone is invited to sing from the beginning*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Songs and Chants from Taize #9

Closing Prayer *prayed together*

Psalm for a New Creation by Fr. Joe Nassal, CPPS

Compassionate Creator,
to be created anew,
we must be willing to touch the emptiness inside.
We must be willing to face the void.
We must be willing to break out of the constrictions
that seek to bind us,
and the routine that blinds us.
We must be willing to take the risks necessary to see
what we have failed to see before.

Each day offers us the opportunity
to embrace the challenge to be created anew.
This is all that matters:
that we see with new eyes;
that we are open to new possibilities;
that we touch new dreams that afford us a wider view,
a larger heart.

Good and Gracious God,
through the intercession of your servants,
Gaspar del Bufalo, Theresa Weber, Maria Anna Brunner,
Maria De Mattias, and Francis Pfanner
give us the courage to become
a new creation.

Closing Song 10x *led by Fr. Ron, but everyone is invited to sing from the beginning*
Give to Us Your Peace O Jesus Christ.
Songs & Prayer of Taize #31

Thank you for coming...
Join us again February 3, 2022

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