

6 Hope



Read:

Luke 23:39-43 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Reflect and Pray:

*"And when this has passed
may it be said
'that love spread more quickly than
any virus ever could'*

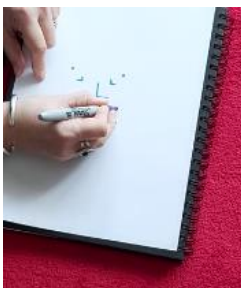
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Pray

As Jesus taught us
for the coming of God's kingdom
in our lives, families, homes, schools,
at work, in our neighbourhoods,
nation, world,
on earth, as in heaven.



Do:



A practical meditation on hope for all ages that you can watch, and do, and share with others <https://youtu.be/sRqRyVcTR9E>

Listen: Listen to St Mary's choir singing Stainer's [God so loved the world](#)

Watch: *'Love spread more quickly than any virus ever could'* [Watch and Share](#)

Watch and listen: [In Christ Alone](#)

Links: Explore the work of the Taize community in bringing together and inspiring in young people from across the world a life-changing, world changing faith.
<https://www.taize.fr/en>



A Prayer

**Dear God, our Creator,
Beloved Companion and Guide upon the Way,
Eternal Spirit within us and beyond us...**

**Let us honour your name
in lives of costly, giving love....**

**Let us show that we and all whom we meet
deserve dignity and respect,
for they are your dwelling place and your home...**

Let us share in action your deep desire for justice and peace among the peoples of the world...

**Let us share our bread with one another,
the bread you have shared with us...**

**Let us in the spirit of your forgiving us,
make friends with those we have harmed and failed to love...**

**Let us overcome our trials and temptations,
our suffering and dying, in the strength and courage with which you overcame them too...**

**Let us in your love free the world from evil,
transforming darkness into light...**

**For the whole universe is yours,
and you invite us to be partners
in the work of your creating...**

**Amen. So be it.
So will we do it.**

Jim Cotter Adaptation of the Lord's Prayer

