

Ecumenical prayer for Europe

Chapel of Europe Brussels, 15/05/2025, 14:30 h

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1. Welcome

Piece of music,	Sebastian and Lukas Roth and team
Welcoming	P. Bernd Günther
Introduction: The aim of our prayer	Gerhard Proß
Opening prayer	Sabina Gonzales
Welcome by the moderator and overview	Renate Henning
Song: ubi caritas and amor	Sebastian and Lukas Roth Finja Sellke

Ubi caritas et amor. Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

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2. Reading from scripture:

Introduction moderation

1 Kings 3, 5-14: God's question to King Solomon	Carlton Deal?
Letter to the Romans 12:9-18	MP Ioan Vulpesku, President of I.A.O.)

3. Prayers of thanksgiving for 75 years of EU peace among the participating countries

Jeff Fountain, Giuseppe Del Coiro, Marianne Clauß

Thanksgiving song: Laudate omnes gentes

Laudate omnes gentes. Laudate Dominum.

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4. Penitential prayers, and silence

Reading from scripture: John 6:66-69 Fr. Ludwig Güthlein

Prayers - ending with Kyrie:

Fr Hans-Martin Samitz, Diego Goller, Cezara Delia Perian

Praying in silence - ending with Kyrie

5. Message of hope – Chrysostomos

Dr. Kostas Mygdalis, IAO.

Reading from scripture: Apg. 16,6-15

Dr. Peter Pavlovic, CEC

Interpretation of scripture by

Thomas Römer

Song: My hope and my joy - multilingual

Meine Hoffnung und meine Freude, meine Stärke, mein Licht:

Christus meine Zuversicht, auf dich vertrau ich und fürcht mich nicht,
auf dich vertrau ich und fürcht mich nicht.

El Senyor és la meva força, el Senyor el meu cant.

Ell m'ha estat la salvació. En Ell confio i no tinc por,
en Ell confio i no tinc por.

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I'll rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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6. Intercessions

every prayer ends with the call: "Lord in your mercy"

And the community responds: "hear our prayer"

Peter Jedinák a. Júlia Mozová /Bratislava

Asia Rusolo a. Gabriele Galizzi/Italy

Eduard Heger, Fr Manuel Barrios Prieto, Marika Bacher

7. Our Yes to Europe and the Pact of mutual love

Maria Wienken

Let us stand up to say it:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35).

Jesus, we say yes to your command, and today we renew our pact of mutual love. We will love one another as you have loved us. We ask you to strengthen our love through the Holy Spirit and to be with us, as you promised. We ask you to work in us and through us when we are engaged for your Kingdom.

Greeting of peace

Song: Lord, the light of your love is shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining. In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring
us. Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set
our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence. From the shadows into your
radiance. By the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me,
consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine ...

Our Father in heaven

Blessing

Fadi Krikor

Closing moderation