Taizé Against the Tanks DSEI 25

1) Stay with me, remain here with me. Watch and pray, watch and pray.

Stay with me, remain here with me. Resist and pray, resist and pray.

2) Bless the Lord my Soul, and Bless God's Holy name. Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life.

Bless the ones who work, to end the trade of arms. Bless the ones who work, For God's new world of peace.

The Taize community grew out of resistance to the ways of war. It demands that the world opt for a better way of life, based on reconciliation and peace. The money, greed and violence that this arms fair represents are to be exposed and resisted. We hold before God all those caught up in conflicts around the world and to seek God's strength in helping us work for peace.

<u>Silence</u>

3) Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom, Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus – be with us, when we stand against the arms trade. Jesus be with us, when we stand against injustice.

4) In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice, look to God, do not be afraid, lift up your voices the Lord is here, lift up your voices the Lord is here.

No more tanks, guns, and no torture, Only then will we rejoice. Work for peace, do not be afraid, lift up your voices, the world will hear, lift up your voices, the world will hear!

5) Within my darkest night, you kindle the flame that never dies away, never dies away.

Despite a world at war, you kindle a hope that never dies away, never dies away. Despite a world at war, you kindle a hope that never dies away, never dies away.....

(Bible reading 1 Peter 5:8-15a. Then repeat 'Stay with me' and sing until the police choir joins in, or world peace breaks out, whichever comes first.....)