



JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PRAYER SERVICE FOR PILGRIMS

(For use in the pilgrim centres)

Priest/Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Opening Hymn:

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us,
As we gather may we glorify Your name
Knowing well that as our hearts being to worship
We'll be blest because we came (x2)

We are folk who show concern for one another.
Yes, we know that God has given gifts to share.
Whether rich or whether poor,
Down and out or blest with more,
We are gathered here to tell you how much we care.

Introduction: Dear brothers and sisters, as we gather in this holy place, we rejoice and thank God for this Jubilee Year of grace and renewal. As "Pilgrims of Hope," we recognize God's mercy and love, at work in our lives. The Jubilee year logo has four coloured figures representing the entire humanity hailing from the four corners of the earth embracing each other in solidarity and fraternity. The figure at the front holds fast to the cross of HOPE. May this moment of prayer open our hearts to the grace of this sacred time. Pope Francis tells us that Prayer makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their hearts and prayer as the royal road to holiness, enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. May this time of grace inspire us to be witnesses of God's love in our homes, workplaces, and society.

Gospel: **Luke 24:13-35** (The Road to Emmaus)

Reflection: Like the disciples to Emmaus, on our journey, we too are often burdened by life's hurts or uncertainties, but the risen Lord walks with us, even when we do not recognize Him. He speaks to us through His Word, the Sacraments, and through the faith community. The Jubilee Year is a time to renew our hope, to be healed of our past wounds, and to walk forward in the light of Christ. According to Lev 25:8-13 the celebration of the jubilee year entails release of slaves, forgiveness of debts, repatriation of property. In other words, jubilee is understood as four R's: Rest (the land is given rest); Review (an inventory of life, livestock, personnel, and land is taken); Restore (setting the societal clock back to zero); and Reconcile (fixing our relationships right with God and one another). The key pathways of this Jubilee include:

Pilgrimage: A journey of faith to deepen our relationship with Christ.

Hope: A call to trust in God's providence even amid difficulties.

Mercy: A renewed commitment to forgiveness, reconciliation, and compassion.

Communion: Strengthening unity within the Church and among all people.

Mission: Encouragement to live as joyful witnesses of the Gospel in the world.

Hymn:

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
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And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks...

Intercessory Prayers:

Our response is: *Lord, renew our hearts in hope.*

For Pope Francis and for his good health, the bishops, and all leaders of the Church, that they may continue to be signs of mercy and hope in the world. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all pilgrims, that this Jubilee Year may be a time of deep conversion and renewed faith. *We pray to the Lord.*

For those who are burdened by suffering, illness, or loss, that they may find strength and healing in Christ. *We pray to the Lord.*

For peace in the world, especially in places torn by war and division, that the light of Christ may guide nations to justice and reconciliation. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all our families and communities, that they may be places of love, forgiveness, and joy. *We pray to the Lord.*

For our own personal intentions, which we offer in the silence of our hearts... (Pause) *We pray to the Lord.*

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Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son,
Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **Amen**

Concluding Prayer:

Priest /Leader: Loving Father, you call us to be pilgrims of hope in a world often marked by fear and despair. Through this Jubilee Year, strengthen our faith, renew our love, and send us forth as witnesses of your mercy. May we always recognize Christ walking with us and proclaim His presence with joy. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Final Blessing:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Dismissal:

Priest: Go forth as pilgrims of hope, bringing Christ's light to the world.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: Make me an instrument of your peace or any appropriate hymn.