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Pilgrims of Hope: Celebrate Jubilee 2025

Learn: Pope Francis has proclaimed Jubilee Year 2025 as an “event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church.” In his February 2022 letter announcing Jubilee 2025 we read:

“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope. This will indeed be the case if we are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity. Here I think in particular of the many refugees forced to abandon their native lands. May the voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone. As the Bible teaches, “The sabbath of the land shall provide food for you, for yourself and for your male and female slaves and for your hired servant and the sojourner who lives with you; for your cattle also, and for the beasts that are in your land, all its yield shall be for food” (Lev 25:6-7).

The May 9, 2024 Papal Bull (official document signed with the seal of the Pope) offers highlights on how we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis speaks of the interplay of hope and patience in our Christian life journey; of our call to discover hope in the signs of the times; of the signs of hope that need to be given to the sick, the young, migrants and the elderly. In his appeals for hope, we are reminded that the goods of the earth are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone; that the rich must be generous; that “We are all summoned to a serious examination of conscience; and “with the money spent on weapons and other military expenditures, let us establish a global fund that can finally put an end to hunger and favor development in the most impoverished country. (#16)

PRAY: The Jubilee Prayer

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

ACT:

1. **Envision and Take A Pilgrimage of Hope** (virtually, in your neighborhood, city, etc.). Identify who / what gives you strength and hope. Create a pilgrimage itinerary you might take, alone or with others. Share with family members, friends, colleagues and invite them to A Pilgrimage of Hope.
2. **Choose one specific way** to be a Pilgrim of Hope to another.
3. **Read / Pray one or more resources.** [Click here](#) to read Pope Francis' letter. [Click here](#) for information from the USCCB on Jubilee 2025. [Click here](#) for information from the Vatican. [Click here](#) to read the Papal Bull.