

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Jubilee Year a “holy year,” began on Christmas Eve 2024



Some ways we can observe the Jubilee Year are by reading and meditating on the Sacred Scriptures especially the Gospel of Luke, going to Confession regularly, performing daily works of mercy, participating in local jubilee celebrations, obtaining a Jubilee Indulgence, making a pilgrimage to a sacred site, forgiving those who have hurt us or done us wrong, and praying for Pope Francis, the Church

and all who take part in the jubilee.

Dating back to Leviticus, the Catholic Holy Year or Jubilee Year occurs once every 25 years although the pope can call for extraordinary jubilee years more often, such as the 2016 Year of Mercy. The Jubilee year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation in which we the faithful are invited to come back into right relationship with God and with one another. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope, to understand ourselves as pilgrims on earth, and to work for peace and justice.

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2025 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 with 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. (USCCB-January 2025)