**Universal Prayers for Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**

**General Prayers**

1. For the Church during the Jubilee 2025, may our Blessed Mother accompany us as we strive to spread the hope and joy, that only Jesus can offer. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For *Pilgrims of Hope* in the Jubilee Year, may God’s grace reawaken in us the yearning to sow the seeds of the Gospel. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. For our faith community, may our hope in God’s promises inspire us seek his will in all things. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For all the faithful departed, especially those members of our families who have died, may Christ receive those who hoped in him, into the joys of eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. For Pope Francis as head of our Church family, Bishop Brian and the Clergy. May they continue to shepherd the people of God with conviction, compassion and love that nurtures our hope in you our loving God. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. For the whole human family, especially those who are afflicted by war, violence, division and injustice, that in this Jubilee Year, God’s grace leads us to reconciliation, peace and new hope. Let us pray to the Lord.
7. For people who are disconnected and lonely, that they may experience hope, love and acceptance in our Christian community. Let us pray to the Lord.
8. For an outpouring of grace in parishes throughout our Diocese in this Holy Year. May we be enlivened as Pilgrims of Hope to share our faith, be boldly invitational and welcoming. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Monthly Focus Special Universal Prayers**

**January**

24-26: Jubilee of the World of Communications

We pray for all who work in the area of communications, most especially in our Church. May they be inspired in what they create, so as to build hope and gratitude that points us to the love and mercy of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

**February**

8-9: Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

We pray for all who work in the Armed Forces, Police and Security services, especially those who have lost their lives or been injured in the protection of others. Bless those who continue to place themselves at risk and give them the grace they need to act with integrity, building hope and trust through genuine service of the vulnerable. Let us pray to the Lord.

15-18: Jubilee of Artists

For all Artists. We thank you for their gifts and ask that you inspire many more people in the Church around the world, to creatively reveal through beautiful works, the mind of You, our God. Let us pray to the Lord.

21-23: Jubilee of Deacons

For Deacons in the Church, most especially our Diocesan Deacons. May they with hearts of humility and hands of compassion, reflect Your love in word and deed. Bless them, as they proclaim Your Gospel, tend to the needs of the poor and strengthen the bonds of community in Your Church. Let us pray to the Lord.

**March**

8-9: Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

For the selfless service of volunteers, whose generous hearts and hands bring Your love and light to the world. Bless them with strength, joy, and renewed purpose, that their work may continue to inspire and build a world rooted in compassion and unity. Let us pray to the Lord.

28: Twenty Four Hours for the Lord

Merciful God, as the Universal Church prepares to come before You in these 24 hours for the Lord, open our hearts to Your healing grace and draw us closer to Your infinite mercy. May this time of prayer, reconciliation, and reflection renew our faith and inspire us to live as true witnesses of Your love in the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

28-30: Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

We give thanks and pray for Missionaries of Mercy, those who in so many ways embody Your boundless forgiveness and compassion to a wounded world. Bless them with strength and wisdom as they continue to be instruments of reconciliation, bringing hope and healing to all in need of Your grace. Let us pray to the Lord.

**April**

5-6: Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

For the sick and those who care for them, bless them with strength, comfort, and healing. May health care workers be guided by compassion and love as they serve those in need, and may the sick find healing and hope in Your abiding presence. Let us pray to the Lord.

25-27: Jubilee of Teenagers

For the gift of teenagers, filled with energy, dreams, and potential to shape the future. Through the intercession of St Carlo Acutis, bless them with faith to guide their choices, courage to live with integrity, and hearts open to Your love, so they may grow into joyful witnesses of Your presence in the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

28-29: Jubilee of People with Disabilities

We give thanks for the unique gifts of all people with disabilities, who reflect the beauty of Your image in rich ways. Bless them with joy and strength, and inspire the world to embrace the richness of their lives with unwavering respect for the sacredness and potential of every life. Let us pray to the Lord.

**May**

1-4: Jubilee of Workers

We give thanks for all workers, whose efforts sustain and build our world. Bless them with strength, fair opportunities, and fulfillment in their labour, and inspire us to create a society rooted in equality, opportunity and dignity for all. Let us pray to the Lord.

4-5: Jubilee of Entrepreneurs

We thank You for the creativity and vision of entrepreneurs who strive to build and innovate for the good of society. Bless them with wisdom, integrity, and a spirit of service, so their endeavours may promote justice, uplift communities, and reflect Your boundless goodness. Let us pray to the Lord.

10-11: Jubilee of Marching Bands (& Musicians)

For the unity brought by musicians and performers whose gifts inspire joyful celebration. Bless all those who create and support these artistic expressions, that their gifts may inspire in us love of each other and in our worship of You. Let us pray to the Lord.

12-14: Jubilee of the Eastern Churches

For the rich heritage and spiritual depth of the Eastern Catholic Churches, whose faith and traditions continue to inspire and nurture Your people. Bless them with unity, peace, and steadfast devotion, as they carry the light of Christ in their worship, service, and witness to the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

16-18: Jubilee of Confraternities

For the gift of confraternities, whose members unite in prayer, service, and faith to strengthen the Body of Christ. Bless these communities with deeper bonds of love and devotion, that their acts of charity and unity may reflect Your grace and bring glory to Your name. Let us pray to the Lord.

30 May - 1 June: Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly

For the sacred bond of family, where faith hope and love are shared across generations. Bless children with wise and nurturing parents, grandparents with peace and dignity, and families with unity and grace as they journey together. May the unborn, the young and the elderly be especially honoured and cherished in our Church and families, reflecting Your eternal love and care for us. Let us pray to the Lord.

**June**

7-8: Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

For the vibrant witness of Church movements, associations, and new communities, who strive to live out the Gospel in authentic and powerful ways. Bless them with unity, purpose, and courage to share the Gospel for the good of the Church and the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

9: Jubilee of the Holy See

For the guidance and leadership of the Holy See. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, may Pope Francis and all who serve the Holy See, be a source of hope for the Church and the world, building unity through the merciful proclamation of Jesus as the way, the truth and the light of the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

14-15: Jubilee of Sport

For the gift of sport, which unites people across cultures and inspires the pursuit of excellence, teamwork, and perseverance. Bless athletes, coaches, and all who are involved in the world of sport, so they may embody respect, discipline, and joy, reflecting Your greatness in every victory and challenge. Let us pray to the Lord.

20-22: Jubilee of Governments

For the leaders and governments entrusted with the responsibility of guiding and serving their people. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and compassion, that they may work toward justice, peace, and the well-being of all, promoting the common good with humility and vision. Let us pray to the Lord.

23-24: Jubilee of Seminarians

For seminarians, especially those in our Diocese who, with hearts full of faith, dedicate themselves to discern Your will and prepare for lives of service in the Church. Bless them with wisdom, courage, and perseverance, that they may grow in holiness and be faithful witnesses of Your love to the world. We pray that more young men will respond to your call. Let us pray to the Lord.

25: Jubilee of Bishops

For the Bishops throughout the world, most especially our own Bishop Brian. Bless them all with the wisdom and courage to shepherd the faithful in truth, with integrity and a deep love for all God's people. Guide them to inspire us all to renewed boldness and obedience to share the Gospel, and confidence in the power of the Gospel to bring hope to all generations. Let us pray to the Lord.

25-27: Jubilee of Priests

For the priests who dedicate their lives to serving You and Your people with faith and love. Bless them with strength, joy, and holiness, that they may continue to be living signs of Your mercy and instruments of grace in the world, especially through the sacramental life of the Church they serve. Let us pray to the Lord.

28 July- 3 August: Jubilee of Youth

For young people, may the Holy Spirit in this Jubilee Year, grace them with powerful encounters with the risen Jesus. May they through the intercession of St Pier Giorgio Frassati, grow in courage to generously commit themselves to God’s service. Let us pray to the Lord.

**September**

15: Jubilee of Consolation

Compassionate God, we turn to You as the source of comfort and hope for all who are burdened or in pain. Bless those who bring consolation to others, that their words and actions may reflect Your healing love and bring peace to wounded hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.

20: Jubilee of Justice

Lord in your justice and mercy You bestow on every human life, the dignity of being made in your divine image. Bless all who strive to uphold fairness and truth, that they may be guided by Your wisdom and work to build a world rooted in opportunity, compassion, and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

26-28: Jubilee of Catechists

Loving God, we thank You for catechists who dedicate their lives to sharing the beauty of the Gospel and nurturing faith in others, especially those in our Diocese who work in schools and sacramental preparation. Bless them with wisdom, patience, and joy, that their teaching may inspire hearts to grow closer to You and bear fruit in love and service. Let us pray to the Lord.

**October**

4-5: Jubilee of the Missions

For missionaries who bring the light of the Gospel to regions of the earth where it needs to be proclaimed. Give them perseverance, and may they take great encouragement from the fruit of changed lives, of those who come to know, love and serve you, by your saving grace. Let us pray to the Lord.

4-5: Jubilee of Migrants

For migrants who journey in search of safety and a better future, carrying their dreams and struggles with courage. Bless them with protection, compassion, and open hearts, especially through the works of your Church they encounter, so they may find dignity, belonging, and new hope. Let us pray to the Lord.

8-9: Jubilee of Consecrated Life

For all those in consecrated life who dedicate themselves wholly to You through prayer, service, and witness. Bless them with joy, perseverance, and grace, that their lives may inspire others to follow You and reflect Your love to the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

11-12: Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

Gracious God, we honour Mary, the Mother of Your Son, whose faith, humility and intercession guides us closer to You. Bless all those who embrace Marian spirituality, that they may follow her example of trust, love, and devotion, bringing Christ's light into the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

31 October - 2 November: Jubilee of the World of Education

For the gift of education, which nurtures minds, shapes hearts, and inspires hope for the future. Bless all students, educators, and institutions, that they may strive for wisdom and truth, committed to building a world rooted in understanding and justice. Let us pray to the Lord.

**November**

16: Jubilee of the Poor

For the poor and vulnerable, who remind us of your call to love and serve one another, particularly the most vulnerable and downtrodden. Bless them with hope, dignity, and the support they need, and inspire us to work tirelessly for justice and mercy in our communities and throughout the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

22-23: Jubilee of Choirs

For the gift of music and the choirs whose voices uplift and inspire through song. Bless all those who dedicate themselves to this ministry, that their harmonies may glorify You and lead us to worship you with the richness of beauty and fulness of heart You so rightly deserve. Let us pray to the Lord.

**December:**

14: Jubilee of Prisoners

For all prisoners, that they may find hope, healing, and redemption through Your limitless love and mercy. Bless them with strength, dignity, and the opportunity for transformation. May we as a Church and those who work with them, embrace them with compassion and support for their journey of renewal of heart and mind. Let us pray to the Lord.