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A Pilgrim's Guide to Jubilee in Rome  
Pilgrims of Hope Special Issue



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"Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his **great mercy** he gave us **new life** by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a **living hope**, and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people." **1 PETER 1:3-4**

# TO THE ONE WHOSE HEART IS SET ON PILGRIMAGE,

**Y**OUR JOURNEY TO ROME FOR JUBILEE 2025 began long before this day. God has worked in every circumstance of your life, bringing you to this place for a renewal in his presence. Take time to pause. Breathe deep. Exhale. You are here!

You may have come with a confident expectation to experience God and deepen your relationship with him. "My heart has heard you say, 'Come and talk with me.' And my heart responds, 'Lord I am coming.'"

Perhaps, your pilgrimage is more driven by curiosity. God says, "Call to me, and I will answer you; I will tell you wonderful and marvelous things that you know nothing about."

Or maybe you are simply exhausted, desperately seeking rest for your soul because you have not found it anywhere else. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Whatever reasons have motivated your journey to Rome, offer them with open hands to God as you receive Jesus' encouragement: "Keep on asking and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you."

This pilgrimage is leading you to passage through a door – one or all of the Holy Doors at the great Roman basilicas. What are you hoping to find on the other side of that experience?

Jesus said, “Yes, I am the door. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and find good pastures.”

The Holy Doors you will see in Rome provide a glimpse of the One that is forever open: Jesus. Through him, a rich and satisfying life with your heavenly Father is available to you every day. “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.”

May this book serve as a guide along your Jubilee 2025 journey, illuminating your path with God’s Word. And may God show you the way of life, granting you the joy of his presence and the pleasures of living with him forever.

Amen.

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**Yes, I am the door. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures.**

**JOHN 10:9**  
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**ST. PETER'S BASILICA**



**VATICAN CITY**



Forever Open is more than a name. It is a reminder that God's door is always open to you. Follow the QR codes throughout this book to find additional resources to help you on your spiritual journey in Rome and beyond.



# ROME



**PANTHEON**



**MAMERTINE  
PRISON**



**ROMAN  
FORUM**

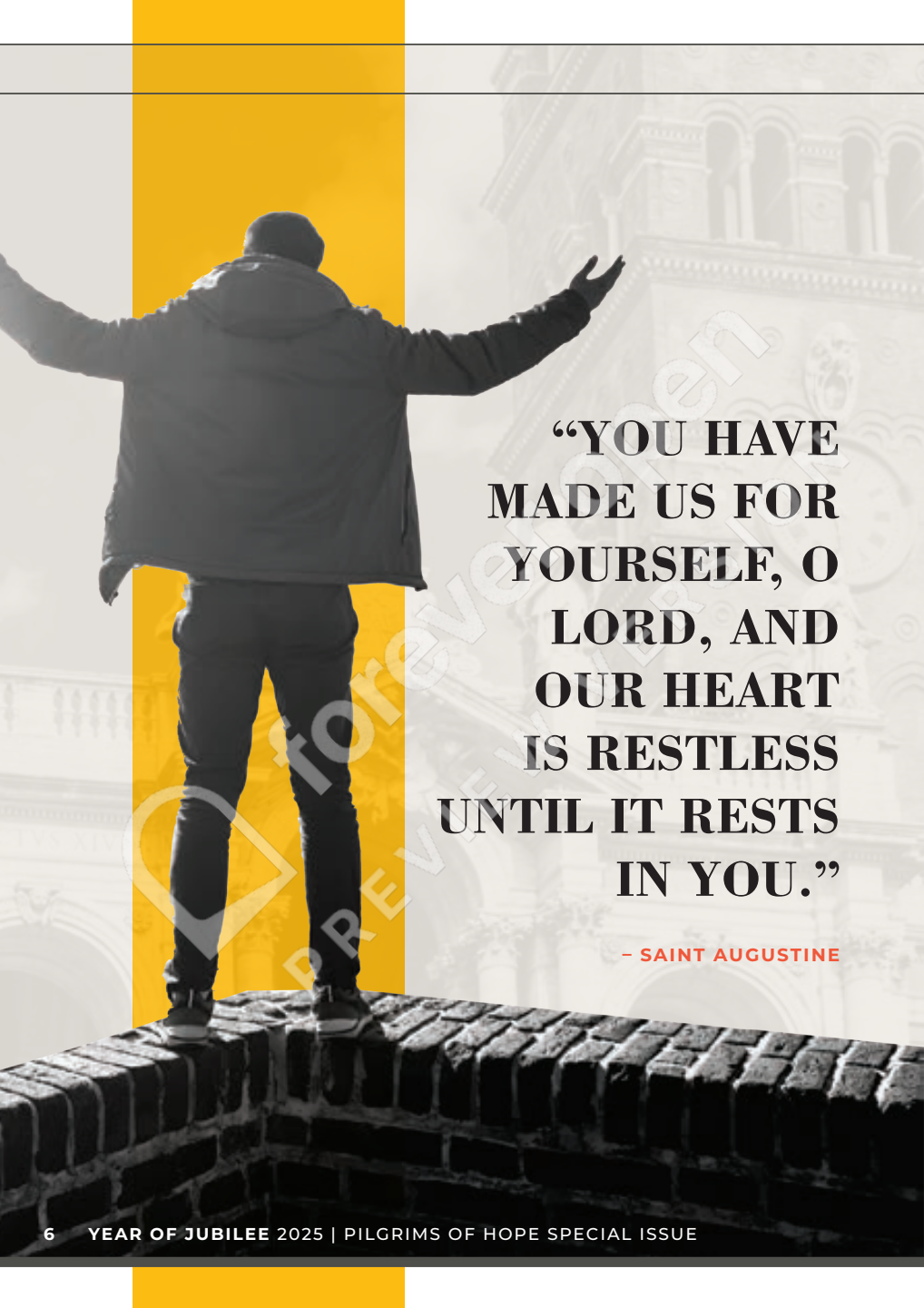


**SCAN TO CONTINUE  
THE JOURNEY**



**COLOSSEUM**





**“YOU HAVE  
MADE US FOR  
YOURSELF, O  
LORD, AND  
OUR HEART  
IS RESTLESS  
UNTIL IT RESTS  
IN YOU.”**

**- SAINT AUGUSTINE**



# RESTLESS WANDERERS

**I****F A JOURNEY WAS A BIRD TAKING** flight, then freedom would be the wind in its wings. Endless horizons across wide open spaces beckon us from where we have been into the thrill of the unknown. Every breath of fresh air and each new experience reshapes our perspective, making the world feel all the more magnificent.

Your entire life is a journey, a pilgrimage from birth to your glorious destination in heaven. Take Abraham, who by faith left his homeland and journeyed to the promised land that he would receive as an inheritance. Or consider Jesus, who journeyed from heaven into the humility of humanity, through death and resurrection, and was exalted by God so all could acknowledge him as Lord. Your journey has great meaning and purpose.

But even freedom has its flaws when it is held by imperfect people. Endless possibilities quickly become overwhelming. Difficulties and disappointments along the way distort our identity and purpose, leaving us confused and exhausted.

In times like this we might ask alongside Jesus, "And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?"



In pursuing things that were never meant for us, we become stuck in a pattern: Sin. Failure. Guilt. Repeat. Does this sound familiar? Saint Paul could relate. He said,

"I want to do what is good, but I do not. I do not want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway... Oh what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?"

**ROMANS 7:19, 24**

Dazed by this cycle of self-destruction, you may have found yourself in the same position as the psalmist, David, when he wrote, "O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water."

**Be still for a moment.**

**God sees you, even now.**

**The pattern of sin and shame does  
not have to be the end of your story.**

As you move through the cobblestone pathways of Rome, keep the words of our merciful Lord close to your heart, "If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the Lord.

Regardless of how worthy or unworthy you feel, the invitation to be fully transformed by God's love is open to you. Jesus said, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

As you continue your pilgrimage, be willing to look inward. As you fully offer yourself to God, he will transform you into a new person by changing the way you think and behave.



**SITES TO SEE:**

Roman Forum

Mamertine Prison

Colosseum

Pantheon



# HOPE THROUGH TRIALS

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. "

– SAINT PAUL, ROMANS 5:3-5



**SCAN TO CONTINUE  
THE JOURNEY**

Can you imagine being among the first to hear Paul's words to the early church in Rome?

You are living in the center of the world's most powerful empire, but because of your faith in Jesus, society has pushed you to the margins. Everywhere you go, you are reminded of the trials you face: military processions in the Forum, the threat of captivity in the Mamertine Prison, the threat of martyrdom in the Colosseum, and idol worship around each corner.

In the midst of all of that, how do you hear Paul's encouragement, not only to persevere, but to rejoice? That kind of response takes hope – hope in God's transformative power of salvation.

And now just look at how God has transformed these places. This city was once the center of pagan imperial power. Now it is the seat of the Catholic Church. The one, true God is worshipped in the Pantheon. The Mamertine Prison and Colosseum now stand as monuments to the faithful who surrendered their lives for the Gospel.

**And we know  
that God causes  
everything to work  
together for the  
good of those who  
love God and are  
called according  
to his purpose for  
them.**

**ROMANS 8:28**

They were able to rejoice in their suffering because they trusted in the God who causes everything to work together for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose. Like Paul, they were confident that “what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory God will reveal to us later.”

Your hope through trials is rooted in God's prevailing love. Jesus said, “I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”



Do you find yourself facing problems and trials? Are you struggling to hold onto hope in your circumstances? As you tour these sites, open your ears to hear the testimonies they proclaim about God's power. During your visit, find a place to sit and prayerfully contemplate the following Scripture.

Saint Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love him, and that we are chosen by God. Reflect on these key truths and allow Paul's questions in this passage to serve as prompts as you pray.

The prayer practice of Lectio Divina is a way to immerse yourself in God's Word and encounter his presence there. Follow this QR code for a guided Lectio experience through this passage.





### ROMANS 8:31-39

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? **Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself.** Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

**Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?** Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. **Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.** No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.



# THE GREAT JUBILEE

**Y**OUR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME IS **LEADING** you across the threshold of a Holy Door. It is a moment, Pope John Paul II explains, that “evokes the passage from sin to grace” which defines the life of every follower of Jesus.

Freedom from slavery to sin and entry into the life of grace – that is the great meaning of Jubilee. That is the free gift so many millions of pilgrims have come to celebrate in Rome this year.

Did you know this celebration has its roots in ancient Israel? It is part of the covenant God formed with his people when he first brought them out of Egypt. Every fiftieth year was to be a Jubilee: a time when debts were forgiven, indentured servants set free, and agricultural work ceased.

It was a year of restoration and rest; a reminder to God’s people that they were no longer slaves. Strange as it may seem, they needed the reminder. You see, they had a tendency to slip back into the way of life they left in Egypt. God called them to be free, but captivity came with certain comforts.

*Can you relate?*



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**Set this year apart  
as holy, a time to  
proclaim freedom  
throughout the  
land for all who  
live here.**

**LEVITICUS 25:10**

Be honest with yourself. Do you ever find yourself living like you are still a slave to sin, spiraling through the same cycle of guilt again and again? Jesus came to break the cycle.

He said, “Yes, I am the door. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”

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The door to this rich and satisfying life was once barred because of our sin, but Jesus made a way to open it to us forever.

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. The Good Shepherd sacrificed his life for his sheep, and the author of Hebrews explains why:

“Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.”

**HEBREWS 2:14-15**

With his death on the cross, Jesus set us free from our captivity to sin and death. He ushered in, not just a year, but an age of Jubilee. Jesus announced as much when he began his public ministry. In Luke 4, he uses Jubilee language from the Old Testament to describe his mission in the world.









When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he has anointed me to bring  
Good News to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim that  
captives will be released,  
that the blind will see,  
that the oppressed will be set free,  
and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"

**LUKE 4:16-21**

How amazing it must have been to hear those gracious words read aloud by the one who was their fulfillment.

During Jesus' ministry on earth, he announced the good news of his kingdom and proclaimed freedom for those who believe. However, it was his resurrection that turned the announcement into reality.

Jesus died and was buried. On the third day, he rose again.

Reread those victorious words. Death was not strong enough to hold the author of life. By rising from the grave, Jesus broke death's power, so it no longer has the final word over our lives.

How could your life change if you fully embraced the truth that death was not the end of your story? No more fear of missing out; no more desperate grasping and striving after the things of this world which are passing away.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

When you learn, not just to believe, but to live by believing in Christ as your Lord, you enter into the rich and satisfying life of grace beyond the door. This is not more of the same, old life. It is a new life, filled with the Spirit of God.

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not strong  
enough to  
hold the  
author of  
life.**  
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"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death."

### **ROMANS 8:1-2**

Are you living in this freedom? Or, like the ancient Israelites, do you find yourself slipping back into your old ways of captivity?

God's Word speaks clearly: You must put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking inside you. You must not copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

The earliest believers show us how we are to seek this transformation. Saint Luke says that "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer."

Prayer, fellowship, the sacraments, and the teachings of the apostles. These are the foundations of the Christian life. It is through these that the Holy Spirit transforms you, so you can live in the freedom you were made for.

**LUKE 4:22 | MARK 1:14-15 | 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4 | ACTS 2:24, 42; 3:15 | ROMANS 6:9; 12:2 | 1 JOHN 2:17 | JOHN 11:25 | COLOSSIANS 3:5**



You might be saying, “I know my sins are forgiven, but I still do not feel free from them.”

If so, receive this affirmation: **In God's eyes, your sin no longer defines your identity.** You received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his child. His Spirit joins with your spirit to affirm that you are his child.

As a child maturing under the loving authority of your heavenly Father, your spiritual growth finds its flourishing through time and intentionality. It is not a destination, but a path you choose to walk every day.

### REFLECT

In what ways do you still live as if you are a slave to sin rather than a child of God?

What is the difference between believing certain truths about Jesus and living by believing in Jesus?

What steps can you take to more fully devote yourself to prayer, fellowship, the sacraments, and the teachings of the apostles?

### RESPOND

Use the words of Psalm 116 to praise God for all he has done.

**ROMANS 8:15-16**



I love the Lord because he hears my voice  
and my prayer for mercy.

Because he bends down to listen,  
I will pray as long as I have breath!

Death wrapped its ropes around me;  
the terrors of the grave overtook me.

I saw only trouble and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

“Please, Lord, save me!”

How kind the Lord is! How good he is!

So merciful, this God of ours!

The Lord protects those of childlike faith;

I was facing death, and he saved me.

Let my soul be at rest again,  
for the Lord has been good to me.

He has saved me from death,

my eyes from tears,

my feet from stumbling.

And so I walk in the Lord’s presence  
as I live here on earth!

**PSALM 116:1-9**



# A SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING

**I**N TENDER LOVE AND kindness, God the Father saw us – unable to save ourselves from sin and shame – and sent his Son to give us new life in him. He was punished for our rebellion. His body was broken so we could be whole. The suffering that was laid on him brought restoration to us all.

## **Seek silence and thank the Lord through this passage:**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

In my distress I prayed to the Lord,

and the Lord answered me and set me free.

Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,

and I will go in and thank the Lord.

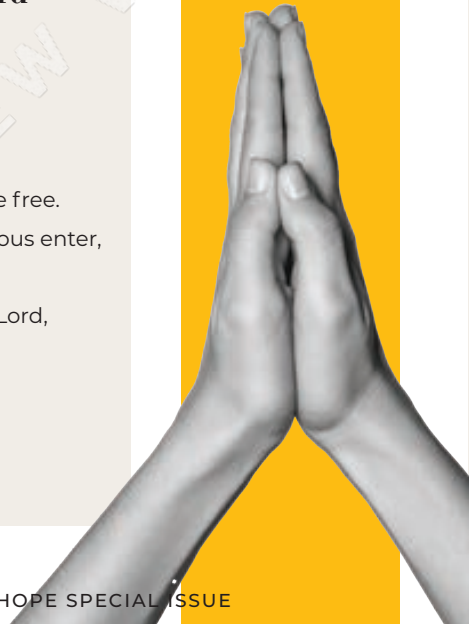
These gates lead to the presence of the Lord,

and the godly enter there.

I thank you for answering my prayer

and giving me victory!

**PSALM 118:1, 5, 19-21**



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**May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.**

**COLOSSIANS 1:12**

### **Set your eyes on the Savior as you lift up his name:**

Where is another God like you,  
who pardons the guilt of the remnant,  
overlooking the sins of his special people?

You will not stay angry with your people forever,  
because you delight in showing unfailing love,

Once again you will have compassion on us,

You will trample our sins under your feet  
and throw them into the depths of the ocean!

**MICAH 7:18-19**

How have you seen God's mercy active in your own life? In what ways, from the mundane to the magnificent, has he been good to you?



**SITES TO SEE:**

St. Peter's Basilica

Sistine Chapel

The Vatican Museums



# A PRICELESS INHERITANCE

You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.

You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

"Once you had no identity as a people;  
now you are God's people.  
Once you received no mercy;  
now you have received God's mercy."

**1 PETER 2:4-5, 9-10**



SCAN TO CONTINUE  
THE JOURNEY

Millions of people have walked in your steps to witness the sites of Vatican City: The stunning grandeur of Saint Peter's Basilica, the magnificent collection of art in the Vatican Museums, and, perhaps most famously, Michelangelo's awe-inspiring frescoes in the Sistine Chapel.

These masterpieces of human creativity point us beyond what is seen to the glory of God which is yet to be revealed – the priceless inheritance we have been promised in Christ.

Consider Saint Peter's Basilica. Every stone – from the massive marble slabs to the tiniest mosaic shards – contributes to the splendor of the whole. For those with eyes to see, it is more than just a beautiful piece of architecture. It stands as a symbol of the spiritual temple which God is forming for himself out of his redeemed people.

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**We have a  
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is kept in heaven  
for you, pure and  
undefiled, beyond  
the reach of  
change and decay.**

**1 PETER 1:4**

Have you noticed how the basilica's dome rises above the city, serving as a reference point for wanderers on these winding roads? Christ calls his Church – not a building, but a people – to be like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.

God's people are called to be beacons of hope in a world that desperately needs it. The hope of eternal life we have in Christ fills and frees us, so we can sacrificially love and care for the people around us.

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**ROMANS 8:18 | 1 PETER 1:4 | JOHN 3:16**



Have you truly embraced the hope of the Gospel? Whatever your hope is, it will shape the direction of your life. As you explore these sites and consider the heavenly realities to which they point, find a place to sit and prayerfully contemplate the following Scripture. In it, Saint Peter encourages believers to live with the full assurance of the hope they have in Christ. How might your life change if you claimed that hope for yourself?

Follow this QR code  
for a guided Lectio  
Divina experience  
through this passage.





### 1 PETER 1:3-9, 13-15

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. **Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.** And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. **So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.**

You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

**So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world.** So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy.



# VERSES OF HOPE

God's Word is like a seed. When planted in your heart, it will take root, grow, and bear much fruit. Consider committing the following verses to memory.

## YOU CAN PERSEVERE.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

**Hebrews 12:1-2**

## YOU ARE GOD'S CHILD.

Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

**1 John 3:2-3**

## GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOU.

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

## GOD'S LOVE NEVER FAILS.

The faithful love of the Lord never ends. His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

**Lamentations 3:22-23**



### **GOD'S JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL.**

Look at my servant, whom I strengthen. He is my chosen one, who pleases me. I have put my Spirit upon him. He will bring justice to the nations. He will bring justice to all who have been wronged. He will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth.

**Isaiah 42:1-4**

### **JESUS IS INTERCEDING FOR YOU.**

So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

### **CREATION WILL BE RESTORED.**

For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

**Romans 8:19-21**

### **JESUS IS YOUR SOURCE OF STRENGTH.**

I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

**Philippians 4:11-13**

# THE LIFELONG PILGRIMAGE

The Latin word for pilgrim is peregrinus – one who passes through foreign lands. It is a fitting word to describe followers of Jesus. The author of Hebrews used the Greek version of it as he reflected on the faithful who went before us:

"They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. Obviously, people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them."

## HEBREWS 11:13-15

Your pilgrimage to Rome for Jubilee 2025 is an image of the lifelong pilgrimage God calls you to make. He is your destination, and – praise him – he is also your companion on the way.

Jesus says, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

## MATTHEW 16:24-25

The invitation to a personal relationship with God has been made Forever Open to all by Jesus. Have you accepted it? If you have not, or if you want to renew your commitment, you can make that choice today.

"Jesus, I believe you died on the cross to pay the price for my sins. Thank you for coming to be my Savior. Now, be Lord of my life. Help me to accept your love and mercy and to show it to others as I grow in relationship with you. Amen."

## NEXT STEPS

"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."

**COLOSSIANS 2:6-7**

Whether you are beginning or continuing your pilgrimage with Jesus, here are a few important practices that will sustain you:

1

### **JOURNEY WITH GOD'S PEOPLE.**

Search and find new ways of bringing others along with you in your pursuit of Jesus. Do not leave behind the very community you were made for, but instead comfort and carry one another as the day of Jesus' return is coming soon.

2

### **READ GOD'S WORD DAILY.**

Immerse yourself in the Scriptures, pondering them at all times. As you faithfully follow their guidance, you will discover a life full of purpose and grace.

3

### **CULTIVATE A LIFE OF PRAYER.**

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

4

### **SHARE THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS.**

Always be ready to share the hope that has been given to you. For how can the lost call on God to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

**HEBREWS 10:24-25 | JOSHUA 1:8 | PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 |  
1 PETER 3:15 | ROMANS 10:14**

# PRAYER OF JUBILEE

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,  
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**

*Francis*

**Pope Francis**

# CONTINUE THE JOURNEY.

Check out [ForeverOpen.org/Nextsteps](https://ForeverOpen.org/Nextsteps) for resources that will help you engage more deeply in God's Word.



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