



# First Sunday of ADVENT – HOPE

## JUBILEE 2025

### 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.

**This Sunday** is the First Sunday of Advent it is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year.

Advent is both a time of waiting and preparing. This Sunday we will light the Prophets candle the symbol of Hope of Christs coming.

**The Holy Father** has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is “Pilgrims of Hope”

*The jubilee calls for us* to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. When we travel, we do not only change place physically, but we also change ourselves. Hence, it is important to prepare ourselves well, to plan the route, and learn about the destination. In this sense, the Jubilee pilgrimage begins before the start of the journey itself: the starting point is the decision to set out. The etymology of the word “pilgrimage” is quite telling and has undergone little change in meaning over the years. The word comes from the Latin “per ager,” meaning “across the fields,” or perhaps from “per eger” meaning “border crossing”: both possible origins point to the distinctive aspect of undertaking a journey ...*Pilgrimage is an experience of conversion, of transforming one's very being to conform it to the holiness of God.*

[\*Pilgrimage\*](#)

Through God’s grace we receive the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. During this Advent Season let us exercise the virtue of Hope.

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The Jubilee Year will begin with The Opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica will be December 24,2024.