



Companions on the Journey

Pilgrims of Hope
Jubilee 2025

Call to Prayer

As Catholics all over the world prepare for the Jubilee year in 2025, Pope Francis invites us to consider “that the year preceding the Jubilee event, 2024, will be dedicated to a great ‘symphony’ of prayer...to recover the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and adore him.” Those who will pilgrimage to Rome next year for the Jubilee will take part in a tradition dating back to the year 1300. Five hundred years ago, our foundress St. Angela Merici, participated in this tradition during her pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee of 1525. This year, we will look back at Angela’s pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Rome and reflect on our own call to be “pilgrims of hope” as we each journey closer to Jesus, who Angela reminds us is “the Lover of us all.”

Opening Prayer

St. Angela, be our companion on this journey throughout the coming year. As we lead in your spirit, we turn to you for guidance trusting that you are always in our midst. May we be inspired by your life and spirit to forever be pilgrims of hope.

Intentions

Adapted from Pope Francis’ Letter for Jubilee 2025

May the Jubilee Year be for the entire Church a lively experience of grace and hope.

(All) St. Angela, be our companion on this journey.

May we discover hope in the signs of the times to recognize the immense goodness present in our world.

(All) St. Angela, be our companion on this journey.

May we model an enthusiasm for life and a readiness to share it with each one we encounter.

(All) St. Angela, be our companion on this journey.

Just as Angela was “like a sun that gave light to all the others”, may we be tangible signs of hope for our brothers and sisters who experience hardships.

(All) St. Angela, be our companion on this journey.

May we desire peace in our world remembering that those who are peacemakers will be called
“children of God” (Mt 5:9)

(All) St. Angela, be our companion on this journey.

May we serve with a spirit of welcome, embracing everyone with respect.

(All) St. Angela, be our companion on this journey.

May we demonstrate care and concern for all the students we serve for they are the joy
and hope of the Church and of the world!

(All) St. Angela, be our companion on this journey.

Closing Prayer

Adapted from www.caminoestonia.com, Prayers for Pilgrims

God of the guiding star, the bush that blazes...

(All) Show us your way.

God of the stormy seas, the bread that nourishes...

(All) Teach us your truth.

God of the still, small voice, the wind that blows where it chooses...

(All) Fill us with life.

God of the elements, of our inward and outward journeys...

(All) Set our feet on your road today.

God of hope, as we begin this Jubilee year as companions on this journey...

(All) Guide us to remain united in hope in the spirit of St. Angela Merici.

Amen.