



A Journey of Faith

Pilgrims of Hope
Jubilee 2025

Call to Prayer

As we continue our journey with St. Angela towards the Jubilee Year as “Pilgrims of Hope,” we call on Angela’s pilgrim spirit as she journeyed to the Holy Land 500 years ago in 1524.



Opening Reflection

Adapted from “Against the Tide,” Armida Veglio, OSU

During St. Angela’s pilgrimage to the Holy Land, she experienced a sudden blindness. Even as she was unable to bear the light and had to keep her eyes closed, she resolved to continue her journey to the most sacred of places. She gracefully accepted help from her companions.

As they led her from one to the other of these holy places of devotion, Angela felt as though Mary, the Mother of God, was guiding her and she was seeing with the eyes of her soul. She had faith that it was by the hand of God that, after a dangerous journey home, she was miraculously cured while in prayer. With her eyes closed, Angela had seen what Jesus had seen, walked the path where he had fallen three times, and wept at his death on Calvary. The thought of the humanity of Jesus forever permeated her life and teachings.

Intentions

May we serve others in their times of need remembering we have more need to serve than they have to be served by us.

(All) Mary, Mother of God, be our companion on this journey.

May we gracefully accept our own limitations and persevere in hope and trust.

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May we find hope in God’s grace.

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May we journey through the pilgrimage of our lives with the blind faith of St. Angela.

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Thoughts to Ponder

Who are the people that have guided me on my pilgrimage?

When have I served others on their pilgrimage?

What gifts have I received on my pilgrimage?

Closing Prayer

Adapted from Pope Francis' Letter for Jubilee 2025

*L*oving Mother, hope finds its supreme witness in you. Like every mother, when you looked at your Son, you thought of his future with hope. Even at the foot of the cross, overwhelmed with grief, you never abandoned your hope and trust in God. In that sorrow, offered in love, you became our Mother, the Mother of Hope. Mary, Mother of God, come to our aid on our pilgrimage of life, sustain us even when we struggle to have hope, guide us as you led St. Angela in her blindness, and encourage us to persevere in hope and trust. Amen