

Jubilee 2025: Hope scriptures

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church holds a Jubilee Year. All members of the global Church family are called to participate. It is a time to grow deeper in our faith and prayer life. A time too to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all creation.



On 24 December 2024, Pope Francis launches the latest Jubilee; its theme is *Pilgrims of Hope*. Catholic schools in England and Wales will begin their Jubilee celebrations on Friday 25 January. The Jubilee closes on the feast of the Epiphany, 6 January 2026.

During this Jubilee Year, school staff and pupils, along with their families and parish communities, are asked to remind themselves that Christ, and the values He taught, are central to who we are and what we do. Following Christ makes us pilgrims of hope. During our Jubilee year Pope Francis encourages us to be signs of hope in the world. See below a selection of scriptures concerned with the theme of *hope*.

Saint Paul's letter to the Romans 5:1-2,5 GNT

Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have a peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. He has brought us by faith into this experience of God's grace, in which we now live. And so we boast of the hope we have of sharing God's glory!.. This hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us.

Saint Paul's letter to the Romans 8:35, 37-39 GNT

Who, then, can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death?.. No, in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us! For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below—there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Saint Paul's letter to the Romans 12:10-13 GNT

Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another. Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times. Share your belongings with your needy fellow Christians, and open your homes to strangers.

Saint Paul's letter to the Romans 15:13 GNT

May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians 1:2-3 GNT

We always thank God for you all and always mention you in our prayers. For we remember before our God and Father how you put your faith into practice, how your love made you work so hard, and how your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ is firm.