

Daily Prayer

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C,
The Year of Luke; Jubilee Year 2025



Readings: 2 Maccabees 7: 1–2, 9–14; Psalm 16: 1, 5–6, 8, 15; 2 Thessalonians 2: 16 – 3: 5; Luke 20: 27–38.

Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope

Source: [Jubilee Resource Pack for Parishes](#)

Jubilee years are a time of newness. They have been celebrated throughout the history of the Church, but their roots go back to the Old Testament, when the Israelites were commanded to celebrate a jubilee every 50 years...

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop used to say: 'We are but travellers here.' For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on what it means to be pilgrims of hope: a people who are not only travellers here but walking in joyful anticipation of 'the heavenly goal to which we have been called' (SNC §25).

Pope Francis believed that, in today's world, hope suffers; that too many people have been robbed by cynicism and despair. During Jubilee 2025, he wanted everyone to have 'an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ' (SNC §6). Only this hope—born from knowing that nothing can separate us from God's love (Rom 8:35-39)—can breathe life back into weary souls.

This hope is not optimism. It is not a forced positivity in the face of hardship and evil. It is a grace from God, a trust in the Lord's promises: that he is good, that he is merciful, and that we are journeying towards the one who says, 'Look, I am making everything new' (Rev 21:5).



For this reason, the most striking part of the logo for this jubilee is the cross: bending towards humanity and forming an anchor, it depicts the cross as something to cling to, especially in rough seas. It is a contemporary 'riff' on an old biblical image. The epistle to the Hebrews describes the hope we have in Christ as 'an anchor of the soul, as sure as it is firm' (6:19).

The cross is not a dead symbol from the past. It is a living sign of God's unfathomable love, and one that carries us together in pilgrimage towards heaven.

Preparations for Daily Prayer

The following daily prayers can be used in their entirety or adapted to meet the needs of the audience. The prayers draw on the Sunday readings, so you may use any of the prayers on any day, although special focus will be given to Feast days, Solemnities, and days of special cultural significance. Feel free to adapt the prayers for special occasions or specific intentions of your own class and school.

The prayers will introduce students to traditional prayer and liturgical practices and responses, as well as a variety of Christian spiritual experiences. Take the opportunity to create a Sacred Space for prayer as you might do in creating a protected garden. This may include a prayer cloth or placemat, a bible, a crucifix, a candle, and flowers. Additional resources (apps, websites, music, videos) will be suggested for those wanting to enrich the prayers or to understand the readings at a deeper level.



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The Year of Luke

The Gospel readings for this Year C are taken from the Gospel of Luke and the Church is in the Thirty-Second Week of Ordinary Time.

Overview of the Week

Light a candle for each of those who have died, have a minute of silence or introduce **A Book of Remembrance** during November in the sacred space to write the names of deceased loved ones.

Day and Liturgical Colour	Daily Prayer	Links to Liturgy, Traditional Prayers, and Forms of Prayer
Monday – Green	<i>God is not a God of the dead but a God of the living.</i> Jesus talks with Sadducees in the Gospel	Alleluia, Standing for the Gospel Lighting a candle for the dead Prayers for those who have died
Tuesday – Green	<i>We will remember them.</i> Remembrance Day	Opening Prayer: the 'Collect', Special reading from the Book of Wisdom, Silence, Blessing
Wednesday – Green	<i>May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say!</i> <i>Good Words and Good Actions!</i>	Second Reading Silent reflection and response. Prayers of Thanksgiving
Thursday – Green	<i>Peace I leave you, my peace I give you!</i>	The Sign of Peace
Friday – Green	<i>I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words.</i>	Psalm & the Taizé Chant 'O Lord, hear my prayer'

Note that scripture quotations are from the Lectionary (*Jerusalem Bible*) or NRSV.

Suggested Teacher Background for the Readings

- Liturgy Help: [Commentaries and Homilies & Reflections](#)
- Loyola Press: [Sunday Connection](#)
- The Emmaus Series: [Sunday Reflections](#) and All Souls.



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Monday

Today's Daily Prayer – Jesus talks with Sadducees in the Gospel.

Preparation: Choose a reader and someone to light the candle/s.. Light a candle for each of those who have died, have a minute of silence or introduce **A Book of Remembrance** during November in the Sacred Space to write the names of deceased loved ones.

Gather

Remind those present to turn phones to silent, close computer screens, sit quietly and prepare for prayer by becoming aware of God present in the Word, in each other and in ourselves. Take a few slow, deep breaths to help us focus on this moment. There may be special occasions or specific intentions that those gathered may wish to include in today's prayer.

All: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

As the candle is lit,
let us be
in the silence ...
in the stillness ...
in this holy place ...

Leader: Throughout the month of November, the Church asks that we continue the focus of remembering our relatives and friends and all who have died. Our faith tells us that when people die, their life is changed but not ended. We pray for all who have died, so that their spirit continues to live on in the heart of God.

Let us light a prayer candle and have a minute's silence to remember and pray for all those who have died.

(Light candle/s and pause.)

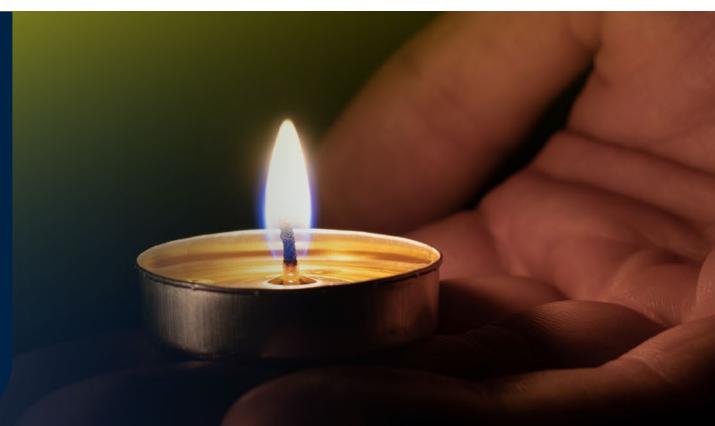
Background to the Sunday Gospel

In the Gospel Jesus answers a question from some Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead and he challenges their interpretation of the Law of Moses. He makes the point that God's relationship with us is eternal. God is always with us: while we are living and when we are in eternal life with him.

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Leader: Let us prepare our minds and hearts to hear the Word of God.

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Reader: Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put a question to him.

Jesus replied, 'The dead are sons and daughters of God. Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all are in fact alive.'

(Pause)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Respond

*For the month of November a suggestion is to provide **A Book of Remembrance** where people can be invited to write the names of loved ones whom they want to remember in prayer.*

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Let us now pray for the leaders of our Church, for those who are struggling with life, for those who have died and for our own needs.

Reader: For Pope Leo and all Church leaders: may they continue to search for ways to teach the message of the gospels in rich and meaningful ways. Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For those in need of hope and healing: the sick, the dying and those who are anxious and troubled in their hearts: may they be comforted and reassured of God's presence and love. Lord, hear us.

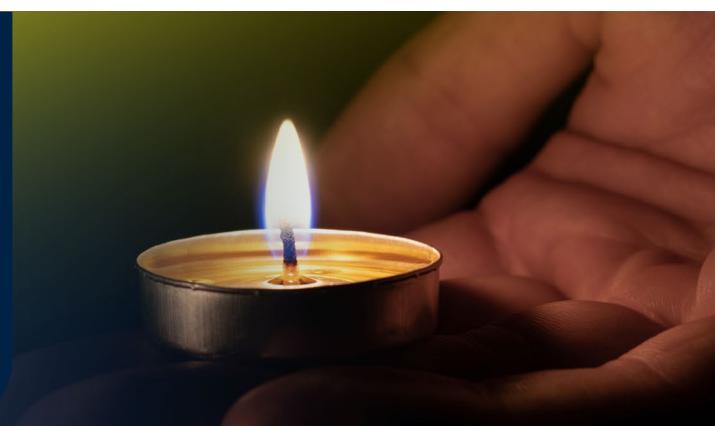
All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all who have died: may they find everlasting joy and rest in peace. Lord, hear us.



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All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all prayers that are deep within our hearts: may we always know that the God of the Living listens to us and loves each one of us unconditionally. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask these prayers through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Go Forth

Leader: Pope Francis told us that “with the Jubilee, we start a new life, a new phase... we begin again.” [Source](#)

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All: God, guide us on our journey as ‘Pilgrims of Hope’.

Extinguish candles and pause.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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Tuesday

Today's Daily Prayer – REMEMBRANCE DAY. We will remember them.

Preparation: At 11 am on 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. Today is the anniversary of that Armistice. It is a day for Australians to stop at the 11th hour of the 11th month to remember those who fought and died for our country in World War I and all wars and armed conflict. To honour this special day within the sacred space you might wish to place an **Australian Flag** and **Red Poppies**. The red poppy is a symbol of Remembrance Day because it was the first flower to bloom on the battlefields of northern France and Belgium after World War I, growing in the disturbed soil where so many soldiers had died. Canadian Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae was inspired by this sight to write the poem, [In Flanders Fields](#), which helped popularize the poppy as a symbol of remembrance and sacrifice.) and [Rosemary](#)an ancient symbol of fidelity and remembrance.

Gather

Remind those present to turn phones to silent, close computer screens, sit quietly and prepare for prayer by becoming aware of their breath. There may be special occasions or specific intentions that those gathered want to include in today's prayer.

Leader: Let us be silent ... (Pause)
Let us be still ... (Pause)
Let us pray ... (Pause)
Let us make the Sign of the Cross mindfully, making sure that we touch our forehead, our heart or centre, and each of our shoulders, and then let our hands join together for the saying of the word Amen!

All: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**
(Light candle and pause.)

Opening Prayer “Collect”

In this prayer the priest ‘Collects’ together our silent prayers and offers them together to God.

Leader: As we gather today, let us place ourselves in the presence of a loving God.
Let us pray:
Reader: God of the living and the dead,
You gave your only Son for the life of the world ...
Take to your heart the men and women who died to give us life.
May we treasure the freedom that we have today
because of their bravery and their loving sacrifice.
We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus,
who died that we might live.
All: **Amen.**



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Listen

If possible, the Scripture passage is to be read from a lectionary or a bible, which could be put in an honoured place. Readers are to read slowly and clearly when proclaiming the Word of God and treat the text with reverence.

The First Reading: Isaiah 49: 13–16

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

I will not forget you ...
Shout for joy, O heavens;
rejoice, O earth;
burst into song, O mountains!
For the LORD comforts his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.
But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me,
the Lord has forgotten me.'
'Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?
Though she may forget,
I will not forget you!
See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are ever before me.
The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Respond

The Ode & the Last Post

Leader: Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am in remembrance of those who have died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. Today's service begins with the recitation of The Ode and the playing of the Last Post, which is followed by one minute's Silence. After the Silence, the Rouse is sounded: this signifies 'an awakening in a better world for the dead'. We also pray for those who continue to serve in the armed forces and peace-keeping forces, and we especially pray today for peace.

Leader: Let us stand tall for the recitation of The Ode.



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Reader: They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Lest we forget.

All: **Lest we forget.**

Leader: We will remain standing for the Last Post, followed by one minute of silence.



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[The Last Post](#) (*Australia War Memorial audio of the 'Last Post'*)

(One minute's silence)

[The Rouse](#) (*Australia War Memorial audio of 'The Rouse'*)

Go Forth

Blessing

Leader: Let us prepare ourselves and pray for a blessing of Peace

Reader: May the God of Peace, who never forgets us, comfort and hold us.

All: **Amen.**

Reader: May Christ, the Prince of Peace, fill all peoples and countries with a spirit of reconciliation, forgiveness and compassion.

All: **Amen.**

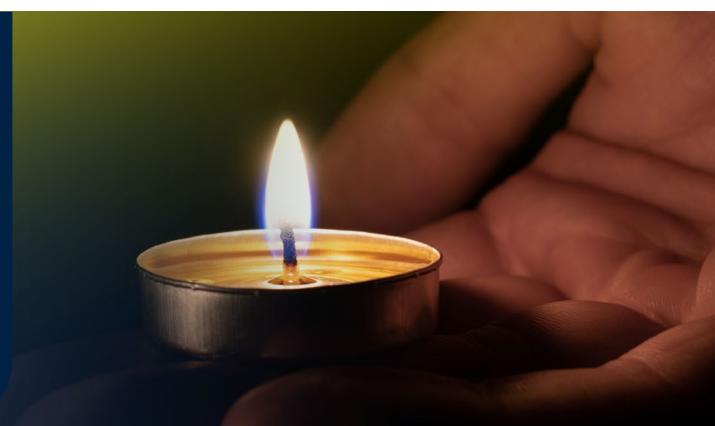
Reader: May the Spirit of Peace, guide our world to live in right relationship.

All: **Amen.**



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All: **God, guide us on our journey as ‘Pilgrims of Hope’.**

Extinguish candles and pause.

All: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Suggested Additional Resources

A Litany of Remembrance

Reader: In the morning and the evening, we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

Reader: In life's comings and goings, we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

Reader: In the tears and the memories, we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

Reader: In the stories and the letters, we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

Reader: In the photos and the tributes, we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

Reader: In the silence and the stillness, we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

All: **Lest we forget.**

Website

Customs for commemoration and remembrance – [Australian War Memorial](#)



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Wednesday

**Today's Daily Prayer – May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say!
Good Words and Good Actions!**

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All: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Leader: As the candle is lit,

let us be

in the silence ...

in the stillness ...

in this holy place ...

(Light candle and pause.)

Leader: As we gather today, we will pray with a reading from Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder for us about God's love and protection for each one of us. He also encourages the Thessalonians to say good words and do good works! This message is very relevant to each of us, as we are called to be people who say good words and do good works for ourselves and others. We ask God to bless our words and our actions.

Listen

If possible, the Scripture passage is to be read from a lectionary or a bible, which could be put in an honoured place. Readers are to read slowly and clearly when proclaiming the Word of God and treat the text with reverence.

Leader: This reading is a reminder of God's love and kindness for us. God will comfort us and strengthen us, and this happens through the words and actions of people who love us and care about us. Paul reminds the Thessalonians and each of us about the importance of prayer and encourages all to pray for help and guidance to do and say the right thing. Our good works and words will comfort and strengthen others.



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Reader: A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Respond

Reflective Questions

Leader: In response to this reading, we will reflect on the following themes.

Our responses will be prayed in the silence of our hearts.

Name in your hearts people who say good things to you and about you.

How do you feel when you hear their good words? (Pause)

Give thanks to God for these people who comfort, encourage, strengthen and guide you with their good words.

(*Time for silent prayers of thanksgiving*)

Name in your heart people who do good things to help you.

How does your heart feel when others do good things for you? (Pause)

Give thanks to God for these people who inspire, support, empower and help you through their good works or actions.

(*Time for silent prayers of thanksgiving*)

Go Forth

Leader: May the Lord turn our hearts towards the love of God.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Pope Francis told us that "with the Jubilee, we start a new life, a new phase... we begin again."

[Source](#) Let us go forth this week sharing the light of hope and message of God's love in all that we say and do.

All: **God, guide us on our journey as 'Pilgrims of Hope'.**

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Thursday

Today's Daily Prayer – Peace I leave you, my peace I give you!

Preparation: Choose a reader someone to light the candle.

Gather

Remind those present to turn phones to silent, close computer screens, sit quietly and prepare for prayer by becoming aware of their breath. There may be special occasions or specific intentions that those gathered want to include in today's prayer.

Leader: As we gather together in God's presence, let us make the Sign of the Cross.

All: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

As the candle is lit,

let us *be*

in the silence ...

in the stillness ...

in this holy place ...

(Light candle and pause.)

Leader: Today we will listen to and pray with the prayer for peace and unity that is prayed at every Mass before Communion. We will also become more aware of the meaning of the invitation for all gathered to exchange or offer each other the Sign of Peace.

Listen

The Psalm

Leader: During Mass the Sign of Peace occurs immediately following the Our Father. In this moment, the people gathered listen to the celebrant pray for peace and unity. Let us listen attentively to the words of this prayer:

Reader: Lord Jesus Christ,
You said to your Apostles: 'Peace I leave you, my peace I give you'.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will,
who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**



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Time for silent reflection.

Respond

Offering the Sign of Peace

Leader: During every Mass, the priest invites all to 'offer each other the sign of peace'. In a moment we will offer each other the Sign of Peace by shaking hands and saying to each other the words 'Peace be with you'. With these words and this gesture we connect with each other within God's family and share God's peace.
Take a moment to reflect on what and who you believe are signs of peace in the world today.
(*Time for silent reflection*)
Reflect on how you can be a sign of peace to other people in your family, your school, your parish community.
(*Time for silent reflection*)
Let us now offer each other the Sign of Peace.
(*Sign of Peace*)

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Leader: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Today's Daily Prayer – O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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Leader: Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God and each other... (Pause)
Let us take time to be still and become aware of our breath ... (Pause)
Let us begin our daily prayer by praying the Sign of the Cross slowly and mindfully.

All: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

As the candle is lit,

let us be

in the silence ...

in the stillness ...

in this holy place ...

(Light candle and pause.)

Leader:

Today we pray with words from Psalm 16 and also respond to a chant from the *Taizé* community of France.

Listen

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The Psalm

Leader: In this ancient song, we hear the psalmist call on God for help. The author prays for guidance and for blessing and is aware of the immensity of God's love. In trust and faith, he knows that God will listen to him and hear his prayers.

Let us prepare ourselves to listen to words from Psalm 16.

(Pause)

Reader: I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.



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I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.

Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

(Silence ...)

Respond

The Taizé community is an ecumenical monastic order with a strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation. The community of religious brothers lives in Taizé in central France and their place has become a very important site for Christian pilgrims. Prayer and silence are at the heart of the Taizé experience. Many young people travel to Taizé and their music and chants are used all over the world for prayer and meditation. Taizé music highlights simple phrases, usually lines from the Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated or sung in a round (a canon). The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer.

Leader: Our response will be to spend time praying with the Taizé song, [O Lord, Hear My Prayer](#).

Let us notice the pattern of our in breath and out breath.

Breathe slowly and mindfully.

Close your eyes or look down.

Listen to and pray with the repetitive chant.

(*Play the music.*)

O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

(*Time for silent reflection*)



Wild poppies, Mont Kemmel, by Kenneth Macqueen, c. 1917–1918,
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Leader: May we always know that God holds us in great love.

All: **Amen**

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All: **God, guide us on our journey as ‘Pilgrims of Hope’.**

Leader: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord in your life.

Extinguish candles and pause.

All: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**