

## WHAT ARE INDULGENCES?

- The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes an indulgence as “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints” (no. 1471).
- Through indulgences, the infinite merits of Christ, as well as the merits of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints, are applied to our purification in this life or the life to come (in purgatory).
- A plenary indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment due to sins (“plenary” means full or complete). Other indulgences are known simply as partial indulgences.
- Those obtaining a plenary or partial indulgence can choose to apply it either to themselves or to the souls of deceased persons.

## 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.



# JUBILEE 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

## Indulgences



# HOW TO OBTAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE DURING JUBILEE 2025

## FOUR ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS

- Compete detachment from all sin,
- Reciting the Lord's Prayer and making a Profession of Faith (either the Apostles' or Nicene Creed),
- Pray for the pope's intentions and the pope himself, and
- Receive Holy Communion and participate in the Sacrament of Penance during a period either 20 days before or after performing the work.

## VISIT A PILGRIMAGE CHURCH

Bishop Siegel has designated the following Jubilee pilgrimage churches for the Diocese of Evansville:

- Saint Benedict Cathedral, Evansville
- Saint Francis Xavier Basilica (the "Old Cathedral"), Vincennes
- Our Lady of Hope, Washington
- Saint Mary, Huntingburg
- Saint Philip, Mt Vernon

In order to receive a plenary indulgence, Catholics need to fulfill the following conditions:

- Prayerfully visit the church and participate in one of the following:
  - Holy Mass;
  - a celebration of the Word of God;
  - the Liturgy of the Hours;
  - the Way of the Cross;
  - the Rosary;
  - the recitation of the Akathist hymn in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
  - a penitential celebration with individual confession and reconciliation;
  - or Eucharistic adoration followed by the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## FOR THE SICK & ELDERLY UNABLE TO VISIT A PILGRIMAGE CHURCH

Those who are truly sorry for their sins but unable to make it to a pilgrimage church (such as cloistered nuns and monks, the elderly, the sick, prisoners, and those who provide continuous care in a hospital or institution) may obtain the indulgence in the following way:

- Offer up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives, united in spirit with those who take part in person.
- Recite the Lord's Prayer and make a Profession of Faith (either the Apostles' or Nicene Creed), and other prayers in conformity with the objectives of the Holy Year (the Jubilee Prayer, etc.)
- Pray for the pope's intentions and the pope himself.
- Only if possible, receive Holy Communion and participate in the Sacrament of Penance.

Participating in such events via livestream or other broadcasts is encouraged.

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## WORKS OF MERCY AND PENANCE

The faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, their brothers and sisters who are in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people, etc.), in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them, according to the usual spiritual, sacramental and prayer conditions.

The faithful can repeat these visits throughout the Holy Year, even daily, acquiring a plenary indulgence each time.

The Jubilee Indulgence can be obtained by undertaking penances such as:

- rediscovering the penitential nature of Friday by abstaining, in a spirit of penance, at least for one day of the week from futile distractions (for example, the use of the media and/or social networks), from superfluous consumption (for example, by fasting or practicing abstinence), as well as by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor;
- supporting works of a religious or social nature, especially in support of the defense and protection of life in all its phases, but also by supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants from various countries;
- dedicating a reasonable portion of free time to voluntary activities that are of service to the community or to other similar forms of personal commitment.
- In addition, the faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, with a devout spirit, they participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place, according to the mind of the Holy Father.