

Decree on the Granting of Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025

On May 13, 2024, the Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree on the plenary indulgence which may be obtained during the upcoming Jubilee Year by making a pilgrimage, piously visiting a sacred place, or performing a work of mercy and penance. This indulgence is subject to the usual conditions - sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Pope, and total detachment to all sin, including venial sin - and the full decree is available at [Vatican.va/roman curia/tribunals/apost_penit/documents/rc_penitenzieria-ap_20240513_norme-indulgenza-giubile2025_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/tribunals/apost_penit/documents/rc_penitenzieria-ap_20240513_norme-indulgenza-giubile2025_en.html).

Pilgrimages

An indulgence may be received by those who travel to any sacred Jubilee site and participate in a Mass, a Liturgy of the Word, one of the major hours from the Liturgy of the Hours (Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, or Evening Prayer), devotional prayers such as the Way of the Cross, the Rosary, the Akathist hymn, or a penance service that ends with sacramental confession. Additionally, an indulgence may be obtained by a pilgrimage to one of the four Papal Major Basilicas in Rome, one of three Basilicas in the Holy Land, a cathedral, or another church or sacred place that has been designated by the local Ordinary.

Pious Visits

In addition to pilgrimages, the Jubilee indulgence may also be obtained by piously visiting a Jubilee site and engaging in Eucharistic adoration and meditation for a suitable period of time, concluding with an Our Father, a Profession of Faith, and invocations to Mary. In addition to those places of pilgrimage noted above, several Jubilee sites have been designated in Rome, Assisi, and Padua. Additionally, an indulgence may be obtained by making a pious visit to any minor basilica, cathedral or co-cathedral church, Marian shrine, or other churches or places of prayer designated by the Diocesan Bishop, Eparch, or Conference of Bishops. Those who are unable to take part in pilgrimages or pious visits for serious reasons, such as cloistered religious, the elderly, the sick and those who care for them, or the imprisoned, may obtain the indulgence by uniting themselves in spirit with those making pilgrimages or pious visits, reciting an Our Father, a Profession of Faith, and other prayers in harmony with the purpose of the Jubilee year, and offering up their sufferings and hardships to the Lord.

Works of Mercy and Penance

The performance of works of mercy and penance provide the most diverse opportunities to obtain the Jubilee indulgence, including participation in popular missions, spiritual exercises, formational activities on the documents of Vatican II or the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, or the performance of corporal or spiritual works of mercy. Additionally, while a plenary indulgence may normally be obtained only once a day, during the Jubilee a second plenary indulgence can be received on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, by those faithful who carry out an act of charity and receive Holy Communion a second time in the context of Mass. Diocesan bishops, eparchs, and those equivalent to them in law are permitted to give the Papal Blessing with its indulgence at the main Jubilee celebration in cathedral and Jubilee churches.

Resources for the Jubilee Year 2025

The Jubilee Year observance consists of many celebrations for age and social groups, and professional and vocational fields. The Vatican and USCCB websites will add resources over the course of the year, as they become available. The Jubilee Prayer, Hymn, and logo can be found on the Vatican website.

- From the Vatican: jubilaem2025.va (English, Spanish, and 6 other languages)
- From the USCCB: USCCB.org/committees/jubilee-2025 (English and Spanish)