

WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE



"HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT" (ROM 5:5)

Hope Shines IN THE DARK

Jubilee Prayer for the Longest Night

Sign of the Cross

Leader In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (*John 1:1-5*)

Leader In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of all people, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Intercessions

Leader Looking towards God, the True Light of the World, let us pray for all our needs.

Leader That we may be people of understanding and compassion for those living in darkness or hardship.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader That all who live with illness of body and mind may find healing and consolation.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader That all who care for those living with mental health challenges be granted patience, compassion and hope.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader That those in hospitals, prisons and care facilities may know joy in the love of family and friends.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader That those who struggle with the desires of self harm may come to recognise and embrace their inherent dignity and value.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader That all those who have died in the struggle with feelings of emotional darkness will rest in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Blessing and Lighting of the Candle

Leader God of Life, the Light of Christ rising in glory dispels the darkness of our hearts and minds. Bless this candle and through the Holy Spirit pour into our hearts your love and give us the hope that does not disappoint. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Now light the candle

Concluding Prayer as we make the Sign of the Cross

Leader The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

All Amen.



In Christ,

we find our **unity**, our **peace**,
and our **eternal hope**.

Pope Francis

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