

Prayer Ritual to Accompany the Jubilee Migrant Cross

October 2025- October 2026

Preparation This prayer ritual may be used before or after Mass, or as part of a standalone gathering where the Cross will be situated. Set up a place for the Cross to be displayed at the front of the gathering space. It may be accompanied by a large candle (unlit), images of the Jubilee and display items from local migrant communities. Assistants will wait at the back of the gathering space to process the Cross to the front, and one will light the candle when called. There is a Leader and 4 Readers. For more information about the journey of the cross, go to: [Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross 2025](#)

GATHERING

Processional Hymn

[During the hymn, Assistants to bring the Cross forward to place in the display at the front.]

Music choices:

- Official Hymn of the 2025 Jubilee *Pilgrims of Hope* by Pierangelo Sequeri and Andrew Wadsworth ([Jubilee Site](#))
www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uXO8IUcEZI&ab_channel=lubilaeum25
- *On This Sacred Ground* by Maeve Louise Heaney, Toni Janke ([Willow](#)) [On This Sacred Ground](#)
- *Hope in Love* by Lauren Bierer, Kallie Deegan, Timothy Hart, Danielle Anne Lynch, Trisha Watts ([Willow](#))
www.youtube.com/watch?v=6P2aovWoHwo&list=PLJzKATLS87HZ_0EGWpkY8Imuu0tMLJvkz&ab_channel=WillowPublishingMusic

Introduction

Leader: Today we celebrate with the Migrant Jubilee Cross, which has been making its way around Australia, starting from the Jubilee of Migrants in October 2025 with the theme 'Migrants, Missionaries of Hope'. The Cross is a gift from migrant communities to the broader Church, showcasing the faith and contributions that they bring. The cross has been created to symbolise the Church as: a place of refuge...

a place of welcome...
a place of integration...
and a place of solidarity.

As it journeys across Catholic parishes and schools, may it touch our spirits and bring us together in hope.

We acknowledge the First Peoples of this land, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nations and Elders past and present. They were the first to care for this sacred land and to share its resources with migrant communities. May we gather in the spirit of reconciliation, valuing all of our rich cultures and walking forward in hope together.

We now light the candle in front of the Migrant Cross, to represent the light of Christ that shines across the whole world.

[Assistant to light the candle.]

Call to Prayer

Leader: Let us begin in prayer:
+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray ... (pause) ...
God of everlasting hope,
You have accompanied us along all of our journeys.
Help us to praise your name together with joy.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,

All: Amen.

LISTENING and RESPONDING

Leader: Now let us hear a vision of unity of all peoples from the book of Revelation.

Scripture

Reader 1: A reading from the Book of Revelation [7:9-12, NRSV].

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Optional Reflection

[See separate Reflection Notes]

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: As pilgrims of hope of many peoples and languages, we turn to our God in trust with our needs and those of the world.

Reader 2: Let us pray for all who journey as migrants.
May they experience God's faithfulness, love and the light of hope. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: Let us pray for the migrants among us.
As missionaries of hope, may they be valued and invited to share their faith, gifts, contributions and resilience. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: Let us pray for our parish/school and local communities.
May they always be places of refuge, welcome, integration and solidarity. Lord,
hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: Let us pray for those who have died and all the generations before us.
May they join their praises to the great multitude of saints in the presence of the
Lamb of God. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God of life, you bring us all together in unity under the cross of Christ. As we
stand before it as one people, hear our prayers and increase the faith that we
share. Through Christ our Lord,

All: Amen.

Leader: And let us pray together in the words that Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father...

Closing Prayer

Leader: So let us conclude with a prayer from Pope Leo:*

Let us ask the Lord to help us live according to the example and teachings of
Jesus —

with humility, with generosity,

learning to know one another so that we may truly share,

to come to know one another so that we may build genuine human communities
where no one is in need,

where all of us feel like brothers and sisters.

May the Lord strengthen and help each of us to be living witnesses of his love in
the world.

Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Blessing and Dismissal

Leader: May God the Father, who cares for his children, bless us.

All: Amen.

Leader: May God the Son, who knows the migrant journey, bless us.

All: Amen.

Leader: May God the Spirit, who inspires unity and celebration, bless us.

All: Amen.

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us go peace, glorifying the Lord by our lives.

All: Thanks be to God!

Optional Recessional Hymn

[This may involve a procession with the Cross if it is being moved again.]

Music choices:

- *Hope is Alive* by Ashen Warnakulasooriya, Gen Bryant ([Willow](#))
www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrxRmpvNOBc&ab_channel=WillowPublishingMusic
- *Renew us in our Mission* by James Maher ([Willow](#))
www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNreQiQHoKo&ab_channel=JamesMaherMsc-Topic
- *Be Hope!* by Gen Bryant, Steph Jorna, Geoffrey Madden, Brigid McNally ([Willow](#))
www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yRU8-atP3s&list=PLJzKATLS87HZ_0EGWpkY8Imuu0tMLJvkz&ab_channel=WillowPublishingMusic
- *Mission Song* by Brian Boniwell ([Willow](#))

* Homily by Bishop Robert Prevost, World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020 [Pope Leo XIV on migrants: "Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee" - Where Peter Is](#)