

The Jubilee year that began on December 24th, 2024, is an invitation for all people to receive hope, the hope of the Gospel, the hope of love and hope of forgiveness. Pope wanted us all to begin that journey contemplating on the Nativity, as we gaze upon the Manger and see the tender love in the face of Child Jesus.

Pope Francis concluded his homily at the Vigil celebration of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord in these words. “Dear sister, dear brother, on this night the **“HOLY DOOR”** of God’s heart lies open before you. Jesus, God-with-us, is born for you, for me, for us, for every man and woman. And remember that with him, joy flourishes; with him, life changes; with him, hope does not disappoint”.

Pope invited all present in St. Peter’s Basilica and the whole world reminding all that the Year of the Jubilee is a celebration of Christian hope which should spur us to set out “with haste” like Mary and Joseph. “As disciples of the Lord, we are called to find our greater hope in him, and then, without delay, carry that hope with us, as pilgrims of light amid the darkness of this world”.

This according to Pope Francis is the call of the Year of Jubilee. “This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord”. “The Jubilee calls us to spiritual renewal and commits us to the transformation of our world, so that this year may truly become a time of jubilation.”

All of us have received the gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises unkept, dreams shattered, and hearts overwhelmed by adversity. This is Christ’s message for this Jubilee Year: “I love you; I forgive you; come back to me, the door of my heart is open for you!” “The door of God’s heart is always open; let us return to him! Let us go back.”

Year of Jubilee is a reminder for all of us that “God forgives everything and always”. So, there is hope for all of us. And Hope does not disappoint.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Holy Jubilee Year 2025.

P.S. Quotes In red are from Pope Francis homily and exhortations.

