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Welcome to the first moment of our Lenten JustHOPE resource where we will be reflecting on the Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope prayer.

We begin by taking a moment to pause and remember that we are in the presence of God who brings hope into our lives.

Let's pray the first part of the 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.**

This part of the Jubilee Prayer invites us to reawaken our hope. Maybe there are things in your life, past or present experiences, which make it difficult for you to hope and trust in the promise of God's Kingdom. We know from the Lord's prayer, that this Kingdom is something we need to make present here, on earth, not just something that exists in the future when we die.

The prayer directs us to two ways we might rekindle and build hope... through faith in Christ and by acts of charity. Getting closer to the one who shared with us the message of hope in God can help renew that hope for us. Putting that message into practice by being aware of and reaching out to those in need is also a practical reminder of the transforming power that hope in God brings.

How can I make time this week to be with Christ in silence, to share with him about my life and to listen to how he responds in love?

What act of charity, however small, might I be inspired to do this week to reawaken hope for myself or for someone else?

We pray for those in need of hope; that our witness and actions may always lead them closer to the Lord of all hopefulness.

Lord, fill us with your hope.

We pray for those working to build the Kingdom of God on earth; that their efforts may inspire us to seek out ways to bring others closer to God.

Lord, fill us with your hope.

