

Week 5

Welcome to the fifth moment of our Lenten JustHOPE resource where we are 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 fifth part of the prayer...

**May that same grace
spread the joy and peace
of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.**

In this part of the prayer we connect again with the grace of this Jubilee Year – this year of favour from the Lord, of forgiveness and establishing right relationship. We hear the call to be Peacemakers, like Christ – a peace that brings joy.

We don't have to search hard to encounter news of places in the world in need of this peace. We may even wonder what we can possibly do to spread peace in those places. Perhaps the prayer is reminding us that the call to bring Christ's peace throughout the earth begins with the areas of my own life and my own relationships.

For others the search is for a peace of mind, of discovering, understanding and trusting in God's will. When God becomes the focus of our life, and part of the choices we make, we discover a way of peace – peace which the world cannot give – making us more able to share that peace with others.

Is there someone I need to make peace with this week – to say sorry to, to forgive, to show love? What can I do to help make this happen?

Is there an opportunity this week for me to be an agent of peace and reconciliation between others – in my family, parish, community?

We pray for those in need of peace; that our work to build right relationships in our own lives will help others to do the same.
Lord, fill us with your hope.

We pray for those parts of the earth in need of God's peace; that those with the power to bring about change will seek a way of peace and joy.
Lord, fill us with your hope.

