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Jubilee of the World of Communications

14 – 15 June 2025

This weekend, we give thanks for and celebrate all who work in the world of communication—journalists, media professionals, editors, video creators, graphic designers, copywriters, PR staff, social media managers, audio and video technicians, IT experts, and many more. We also give thanks for our own ability to communicate meaningfully with others.

Let us take this time to reflect: How can we strive to be more Christ-like in our communication with those around us? How can we choose words that uplift and encourage? How can we foster inclusivity and respect in all our interactions?

Prayers

Example prayers of the faithful

We pray for all who work in media and communications: that their efforts may be guided by truth and justice, promoting the dignity of all people and fostering a culture of peace and respect in the public sphere. **E te Ariki ...**

We pray for our words and actions in everyday life: that we may engage with others in a spirit of kindness, respect, and empathy. May our communication always uplift and encourage, fostering harmony and understanding. **E te Ariki ...**

Other prayers on the theme of communication

For all who work in communications;
may they listen with understanding and speak truth from the heart.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all of us who receive the news in whatever format;
may we learn to discern the good news in all that we hear.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in the Church who communicate to others, through multiple means, the saving truth of the gospel, that they may be diligent servants of the Word and conscientious champions of the truth. **Lord in your mercy...**





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We pray for politicians that they may communicate candidly with the electorate and have the courage publicly to address controversial issues which need to be resolved if human dignity and the common good of society are to be upheld. **Lord in your mercy...**

We pray for journalists who put themselves in danger to bring to others' attention wrongdoing and human suffering, that their efforts to humanise society may bear fruit and that they may be kept safe from harm. **Lord in your mercy...**

We pray for those who have been interiorly imprisoned as a result of their exposure to evil on the internet, that they may be given the strength of will to break out of their addictive behaviour and find peace and healing. **Lord in your mercy...**

We pray for ourselves, that we may, through God's grace, use modern media judiciously, so that our horizons may be expanded and we may grow in empathy with others, especially those who are most vulnerable. **Lord in your mercy...**

From [*the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*](#)

Pope's Prayer for Communications

Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves,
and to set out in search of truth.

Teach us to go out and see,
teach us to listen,
not to entertain prejudices
or draw hasty conclusions.

Teach us to go where no one else will go,
to take the time needed to understand,
to pay attention to the essentials,
not to be distracted by the superfluous,
to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.

Grant us the grace to recognise your dwelling places in our world
and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen.

From [*the message of the Holy Father for World Communications Day 2021*](#)





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Prayer For Communication in Relationships

Our God,

We thank You for Your everlasting love and presence in our lives. Today, we come before You seeking guidance and wisdom for better communication in our relationships.

Grant us the patience to truly listen to one another. May we find stillness in our hearts to hear Your voice, and may Your wisdom guide our words and actions.

Bestow upon us the gift of understanding, empowering us to see beyond our own perspectives and empathize with the feelings and thoughts of others.

Bless our conversations with kindness and respect. Teach us to speak gently, bringing life and love into one another's hearts.

Strengthen our connections, Lord, helping us forge bonds that can withstand any challenge. Let Your love be the foundation of our relationships.

We surrender our fears, anxieties, and struggles to You. Fill us with Your spirit of unity and peace, so that we may grow in love and harmony with one another.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Adapted from [Christianity and Communication Studies Network](#)

Reflection on the Jubilee of the World of Communications

Read the following reflection out during Mass/within your faith communities over the weekend of 14 – 15 June 2025, or distribute for personal reflection.

Communication is the process by which information, ideas, and feelings are exchanged between individuals. It is the inherent way humans relate to each other and the world. As Christians, we have a responsibility to communicate in a Christ-like manner—one that builds relationships, promotes connections, and cultivates a sense of encounter.

In light of the theme for World Day of Communications, which calls for a spirit of gentleness in our communication, we are reminded of the power of words. Communication, whether in person or through digital platforms, should always be conducted with humility, compassion, and a deep desire to foster understanding and unity. The goal of communication is not just to exchange information, but to build trust and connection, reflecting the love of Christ.





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In 2023, the Vatican released [a pastoral reflection on how we engage with social media](#), which can also be applied to our everyday communication.

The reflection challenges us to be known as people who:

- Listen attentively and with empathy,
- Discern before acting,
- Treat all people with respect,
- Respond with questions rather than judgment, and
- Remain silent rather than triggering judgement.

In our modern world, especially through social media, it's easy to communicate quickly but not always thoughtfully. As believers, we are called to communicate with intention, moving toward encounters that are meaningful and lasting, not superficial and fleeting.

As we continue to reflect on the theme of World Day of Communications, let us remember that we are called to be communicators of love, unity, and peace—whether in person or online. Let us strive to follow the example of gentleness and respect, ensuring our words contribute to healing divisions and building bridges. In doing so, we can become instruments of Christ's love, fostering a sense of belonging in every interaction.

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Suggestions for celebrating this Jubilee in your communities

- **Use the Provided Prayers of the Faithful or Write Your Own**
Craft prayers that acknowledge the importance of communication in spreading the Gospel, asking for wisdom and discernment in using media responsibly.
- **Share Special Prayers During Gatherings**
Include prayers that focus on the role of communication in faith-building, recognizing those who work in media, journalism, and social networks as instruments of truth.
- **Read Out the Reflection During Mass or in Faith Communities**
Share a reflection on how communication affects our relationship with God and each other, with printed copies available for private or family reflection.
- **Highlight Catholic Media and Communications Initiatives**
Promote Catholic radio stations, newspapers, and online platforms that support the Church's mission and encourage parishioners to engage with these resources.

