



# Jubilee 2025



## Jubilee of Artists

15 – 16 Feb 2025

This weekend, we celebrate the Jubilee of Artists, giving thanks for the creativity, inspiration, and vision that artists bring to our world. Through their diverse expressions—whether in music, painting, dance, literature, or other forms—artists reflect the beauty and mystery of creation, drawing us closer to the divine. We honour their ability to inspire, provoke thought, and evoke deep emotion, helping us to see life through new perspectives.

Today, we give thanks for their contributions to our spiritual and cultural life, and we pray that they continue to be blessed with inspiration and courage in their craft. May this Jubilee encourage us all to recognise and celebrate the divine spark within every act of creativity.

## Prayers

### Example prayers of the faithful

For artists: that they are filled with the Holy Spirit, the Artist who can sculpt the stone of people's hearts to bring out the features of Christ. May they practice the wonderful art of holiness. May they always feel drawn by the beauty of God's creation. **E te Ariki ...**

That artists may use their gifts to reflect the glory of God, inspire hearts toward truth, and draw others closer to the Creator through the beauty they share. **E te Ariki ...**

That artists may foster unity and hope through their works, uplifting all who encounter their art and reminding the world of the dignity and interconnectedness of humanity. **E te Ariki ...**

That artists may find inspiration in their faith, creating works that speak to the divine and bring healing, peace, and joy to those who experience them. **E te Ariki ...**

That artists may remain humble and grateful for their talents, always seeking to use their gifts in service of others and the greater good. **E te Ariki ...**

## Other prayers for Artists

### Prayer of Artists





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Almighty God, You are the Divine Artist. I come to You with humility. I thank You for the talent that You have lent me. I thank You for the skill that You have made me learn. I thank You for the vision of art that You have made me see. And most of all, I thank You for the gift of life that You have entrusted to me.

Heavenly Father, please continue to enlighten me, with pure and modest ideas. Please help me share this talent to others; take my hand and guide me to draw and create beautiful things; hold me and let me see more of those wonderful scenes to photograph; touch and inspire me to design with fresh ideas so others can see; and feel your goodness through my work of art; deliver me from evil works and guide me to the right path.

Dear God, as an artist, I turn myself to You through my projects and ideas, let me be Your instrument to spread Your Holy Name all these for You and Your Son Jesus Christ Our Lord.

AMEN.

From [\*The Catholic Economist\*](#)

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## St. Catherine of Bologna Prayer for Artists

Loving God, through the intercession of Saint Catherine of Bologna, patron of artists, guide those who create to use their gifts for your glory. May they, like Catherine, find inspiration in your beauty and reflect your love in their works. Strengthen them in moments of doubt, grant them courage in their struggles, and remind them that true creativity flows from you. May their art inspire hope, faith, and unity in all who encounter it. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Reflection on the Jubilee of Artists

*Read the following reflection out during Mass/within your faith communities over the weekend of 15 – 16 Feb 2025, or distribute for personal reflection.*

As we celebrate the Jubilee of Artists, we look back to Pope Saint John Paul II's *Letter to Artists*, written in 1999, a message that remains profoundly relevant today. In this letter, the Pope acknowledged the divine gift of creativity, describing artists as co-creators with God, who through their work reveal glimpses of beauty, truth, and the transcendent. He reminded us that "beauty is the visible form of the good," and that art has the power to uplift the human spirit.

John Paul II called upon artists to continue the age-old relationship between faith and art, which has inspired humanity throughout history. He praised art as a means of expressing the inexpressible and helping humanity seek meaning and connection with the divine. "The world in





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every age needs beauty,” he wrote, emphasising the transformative role of art in countering despair and chaos.

Today, this call resonates as strongly as ever. At a time when division and uncertainty seem pervasive, the arts remind us of the shared humanity that unites us. The Jubilee of Artists invites us to celebrate those who bring beauty into our world—painters, musicians, writers, architects, and creators of every kind—and to reaffirm the importance of their work in reflecting the love and creativity of the Creator.

Let this Jubilee inspire not only artists but all of us to honour the sacred role of art. May we cherish its ability to stir our hearts, challenge our minds, and connect us to the divine. In doing so, we continue the legacy that Pope Saint John Paul II celebrated—a legacy of creativity, faith, and hope that transcends time.

Read the full letter [here](#).

## Suggestions for celebrating this Jubilee in your communities

- **Use the provided prayers of the faithful or write your own**  
Craft prayers for the Jubilee that acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of artists. Pray for their inspiration, creativity, and courage. Recognise the role of art in bringing people closer to the divine and ask for God’s blessings on all those who create beauty in the world.
- **Read out the provided reflection on Pope Saint John Paul II’s letter to artists**  
Share the provided reflection on Pope Saint John Paul II’s letter to artists during Mass or community events. You could also provide copies of the full letter for private reflection. Pope Saint John Paul II’s words offer deep insight into the sacred nature of art and the role of the artist in the Church.
- **Set up an art exhibition or invite local artists to display their works**  
Organise a community art exhibition featuring local artists’ work. This could include paintings, sculptures, photographs, or other forms of visual art. Create a space for the community to engage with and reflect on the divine spark in each piece of artwork, perhaps linking them to spiritual themes or experiences.
- **Create an art-inspired prayer or meditation session**  
Set up a session where participants can engage in quiet reflection or prayer while appreciating art. You could play music, display artworks, or invite an artist to create something live. This offers a space for deep spiritual connection through creative expression.





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- **Invite artists to lead workshops or talks**

Host workshops or talks where local artists can share their craft and inspiration. These could be for specific art forms such as painting, sculpture, dance, or writing. Artists can also discuss how their work is influenced by their faith, encouraging others to use their own creativity as a form of spiritual expression.

- **Create an art and faith collaboration**

Encourage local artists to collaborate on creating a piece of public art for the Church or community. This could involve a mural, stained glass, or a sculpture that reflects themes of faith, hope, and creativity. Involve the community in brainstorming ideas and offer opportunities for reflection on the final piece.

- **Organise a creative prayer event**

Hold a creative prayer event where participants can express their faith through art. Set up stations for people to create visual art, write poems, or even engage in dance or music. Encourage people to see their creativity as a prayer and a way of drawing closer to God.

