

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope



Welcome

The 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' is nearly here and as such we have put this pack together to give you some helpful information and resources as we enter 2025.

What is a Jubilee?

"In the Roman Catholic tradition, a Holy Year, or Jubilee is a great religious event. It is a year of forgiveness of sins and also the punishment due to sin, it is a year of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. A Jubilee year is above all the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity." (vatican.va/jubilee_2000)

When will the Jubilee begin?

The Jubilee Year begins with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24 December 2024 and concludes on 6 January at the Feast of Epiphany 2026. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Year at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 29 Dec 2024 at 11am. (To stream live, click here: https://www.youtube.com/c/TheMetropolitanCathedralLiverpool). This celebration will also take place at our Co-Cathedral, St Mary of the Isle on the Isle of Man with Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon. (To stream live, click: https://manxcatholic.org.uk/#livestream).

Pilgrims of Hope

Although the Jubilee is a worldwide celebration, Pope Francis has asked each diocese throughout the world to get involved and mark the Jubilee in its own unique way.

With the theme for the Jubilee 2025 being "Pilgrims of Hope", it's a great opportunity to discover afresh what it means "to be a pilgrim", not just by taking part in walks across our Archdiocese or the country to some of our amazing places or shrines, but also in seeing our whole lives as a pilgrimage from God to God, and our two Cathedrals and parishes as pilgrimage places. The Jubilee Year here in Liverpool will offer each one of us the chance to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to reset our relationship with God and with each other.

Jubilee Churches

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, The Bishops of England and Wales, may, if they wish, nominate Jubilee Churches where those making a pilgrimage can gain a plenary indulgence by making a pilgrimage to these churches and performing one of the acts prescribed by the church. "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven..." (See *The Gift of the Indulgence'* vatican.va)

Archbishop Malcolm has established the following to be the Jubilee Churches of this Archdiocese:

- The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King at Liverpool
- The Co-cathedral of Saint Mary of the Isle at Douglas
- The Church and Shrine of Saint Anne and Blessed Dominic at Saint Helens
- Saint Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith church at Ashton-in-Makerfield
- **Saint Mary** church in Chorley
- Shrine Church of Saint Mary at Warrington





The Prison Chapels of HMP Altcourse, HMP Garth, HMP Hindley, HMP Liverpool, HMP Risley, HMP Wymott And Isle of Man prison

We are encouraged to make a special pilgrimage to at least one of the Jubilee Churches during the Jubilee year.

How to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

(See 'Decree on the Granting of Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 called by His Holiness Pope Francis, 13.05.2024')

The Faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage 'To any sacred Jubilee site: by devoutly participating in Holy Mass;... a ritual Mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian Initiation or the Anointing of the Sick; or any of the following: a celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours (office of readings, lauds, vespers); the Via Crucis; the Marian Rosary; the recitation of the Akathist hymn; a penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents, as established in the Rite of Penance (form II)'

'Likewise, the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God, so that in this Holy Year everyone "will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children" (Spes non confundit, 24).'

The year ahead

There are many exciting plans being made in advance of the Jubilee. Please continue to look out for further updates on our Jubilee page as we continue our preparations: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/pastoral-development/jubilee

We look forward to accompanying you throughout this Jubilee year and in the words of St Paul: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Rm 15:13)

God bless.

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JUBILEE 2025

CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS in the ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

DECEMBER 2024

29 December

Jubilee will be welcomed at the Cathedral and Co-Cathedral at the Feast of the Holy Family

JANUARY 2025

12 January

Jubilee begins on a local level - announcement at Mass of the Baptism of the Lord

FEBRUARY 2025

9 February

Marriage Mass – celebrating for those married in a Jubilee year (9 February)

MARCH 2025

Throughout March

We Dare To Hope" Lenten Resources

15 March

FLAME 2025

APRIL 2025

13 - 20 April

Holy Week and Easter Tridium

MAY 2025

17 May

Pilgrimage Walk

JUNE 2025

8 June

"Pilgrims of Hope" Pentecost Walk

Date TBC

Mass for New Catholics

JULY 2025

28 July - 3 August

Jubilee of Youth

SEPTEMBER 2025

13 September

Pilgrimage Walk

All Month

Season of Creation

OCTOBER 2025

Date TBC

Praying with Our Lady for Jubilee

Date TBC

Adoremus - this year's theme is "Pilgrims of Hope"

NOVEMBER 2025

7 to 13 November

Archdiocese Trip to Rome

23 November

Youth Sunday

DECEMBER 2025

All Month

Advent Prayers Resources
– with Jubilee theme

28 December

Feast of the Holy Family closing of the Jubilee



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To follow this calendar for more updates, please visit liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/pastoral-development/jubilee







IUBILEE 2025

CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS in the ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

Events Calendar

Jubilee 2025



24 December 2024 -8 January 2026

DECEMBER 2024

APRIL 2025

Co-Cathedral at the Feast Jubilee will be welcomed at the Cathedral and of the Holy Family 29 December

JANUARY 2025

level - announcement at Mass of the Baptism of the Jubilee begins on a local 12 January

JUNE 2025

Pilgrimage Walk

17 May

FEBRUARY 2025

Date TBC Mass for New Catholics

"Pilgrims of Hope"

8 June

Pentecost Walk

married in a Jubilee year (9 celebrating for those 9 February Marriage Mass -

MARCH 2025

28 July - 3 August Jubilee of Youth

JULY 2025

Throughout March We Dare To Hope" Lenten Resources

SEPTEMBER 2025

13 September

Pilgrimage Walk

FLAME 2025 L5 March

Season of Creation

All Month

OCTOBER 2025

Praying with Our Lady for Date TBC Jubilee

13 - 20 April Holy Week and Easter

ridium

theme is "Pilgrims of Hope" Adoremus - this year's Date TBC

MAY 2025

NOVEMBER 2025

Archdiocese Trip to Rome 7 to 13 November

23 November Youth Sunday

DECEMBER 2025

Managing Debt

Forgiveness Rest

Advent Prayers Resources - with Jubilee theme All Month

Feast of the Holy Family closing of the Jubilee 28 December

Jubilee Themes Care for Creation Modern Slavery **Food Poverty**

we pray, we journey, As Pilgrims of Hope, we act.







From the Catholic Bishop's Conference:



Resources specific to Liverpool Archdiocese:











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Prayer Resources:

Below are a few resources which include prayers and scriptures associated with the Jubilee theme, Pilgrims of Hope.

Pilgrims of Hope Hymn

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you: Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within your Word. Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in your dear Son.

Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you: Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.

God, so tender and so patient, dawn of hope, you care for all. Heav'n and earth are recreated by the Spirit of Life set free.

Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you: Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time. Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him.

Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you: Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you

(For music visit:

https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/inno-giubileo-2025.html)

The Jubilee 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.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen







when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints. So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods

of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?"
The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, is when I carried you."

(Mary Stevenson)

Christ our light,
your love burns in our hearts
and builds in us a thirst for justice.
Jesus, light of the world,
you taught us how to reach out to others,
open our ears
to the stories that beg to be heard.
You who are light and warmth,
banish the darkness and bring us hope.
Jesus, light of life, enfold us all with your love
and incline our hearts
to the leading of your healing spirit.
Amen.

Prayer by Matthew Dear and Susy Brouard

Lord Jesus Christ,
As this pilgrimage comes to an end,
we give thanks for the journey
and for our safe arrival.
Help us to walk in newness of life.
By your Spirit, transform us into your likeness.
Give me your... [mention any attributes of
Jesus you want to grow in, such as patience,
humility, compassion, etc.]
Jesus, fill us with your life and love.
We ask this in your Holy Name.
Amen.

Phil McCarthy - pilgrimways.org

PRAYING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE



Opening Prayer

O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage, and strength to serve You.

Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me. I do not see very far ahead,

but when I have arrived where the horizon now closes down,

a new prospect will open before me, and I shall meet it with peace.

(Edith Stein, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr of Auschwitz)

The Jubilee Logo:

The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope.

It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross.



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

As pilgrims of hope we pray

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

As pilgrims of hope we pray

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

As pilgrims of hope we pray

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

As pilgrims of hope we pray

(adapted from Prayer for Synod on Synodality 2021-23, 2022)

In preparation for the Jubilee, Pope Francis called for this past year to be one of prayer –

'Prayer is the breath of faith, a cry arising from the hearts of those who trust in God. We see this in the story of Bartimaeus, the beggar from Jericho. Though blind, he is aware that Jesus is approaching, and perseveres in calling out: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mk 10:47). By using the phrase "Son of David", he makes a profession of faith in Jesus the Messiah. In response the Lord invites Bartimaeus to express his desire, which is to be able to see again. Christ then tells him: "Go; your faith has saved you" (v. 52). This indicates that faith is a cry for salvation attracting God's mercy and power. It is not only Christians who pray but all men and women who search for meaning on their earthly journey. As we continue on our pilgrimage of faith, may we, like Bartimaeus, always persevere in prayer, especially in our darkest moments, and ask the Lord with confidence: "Jesus have mercy on me. Jesus, have mercy on us!".

(Library of the Apostolic Palace, Wednesday, 6 May 2020)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the importance of blessing as an essential dimension of prayer. To "bless" literally means to "speak something good". In creating and sustaining the world, God speaks a good word; he "blesses" his creation and sees that it is "good". God did not withhold his blessing even after we turned away in sin, but continues to desire our good. In the history of salvation, the greatest of God's blessings is Jesus Christ himself. Saint Paul exhorts us to bless God, who has blessed us in Christ, and made us his beloved sons and daughters (cf. Eph 1:3-6). In response to God's blessings, we in turn bless him, the source of all good, through our prayers of praise, adoration and thanksgiving. As the Catechism teaches: "The prayer of blessing is man's response to God's gifts" (No. 2626). May we always find joy in blessing the Father with gratitude for the infinite goodness he has shown us in giving us

(taken from Pope Francis' General Audience, 2020)

Lord Jesus Christ, You call me to follow you, and I choose to walk with you. Open the eyes of my heart to see my life in a new way. With each step I take, help me to be open to change. As I walk this pilgrimage, give me the grace to...

[mention your intention for the journey]
I ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

(Pilgrims of Prayer, Phil McCarthy, 2024)

Footprints in the Sand:

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints. This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life,





Liturgy Suggestions The Baptism of the Lord and throughout the Jubilee Year

Hymns

Below are a number of hymns that have a related themes to the Jubilee – 'Pilgrims of Hope' or one of the six themes of the jubilee: care for creation, food poverty, modern slavery, managing debt, forgiveness, rest. There is also a link to the official Jubilee hymn. Hymn numbers refer to Laudate Hymn Book (Decani).

Hymn title	Theme/link	Laudate Number
Our God reigns	The reign of God - Jubilee	768
Blest be the Lord	Норе	954
O God, our help in ages past	Норе	955
All my hope on God is founded	Норе	959
The God of all eternity	Hope and grace – new year	165
Guide me, O thou great Redeemer	Pilgrimage	960
He who would valiant be (to be a pilgrim)	Pilgrimage	862
Be not afraid	Pilgrimage	964
Lord, you have come to the seashore	Pilgrimage	871
Bring forth the kingdom	Kingdom of mercy	854
You are mine	God's mercy	776
The Summons (Will you come and follow me)	Following God's call	877
Take Christ to the World	Following God's call	879
Forth in the peace of Christ we go	Baptismal Vocation	853
Out of darkness	Called to walk in light	835
O Lord, all the world belongs to you	Injustice/service	847
The Church of Christ, in every age	Injustice/service	896
The Cry of the Poor	Poverty	892
Come to the water	Rest	408
All things bright and beautiful	Creation	685
God beyond all names	Creation	686

Pilgrims of Hope Official Jubilee Hymn Lyrics: Mgr. Pierangelo Sequeri, Music: Francesco Meneghello The link below takes you to the official Jubilee website with a Youtube video and multiple options of lyrics and music downloads – all free.

https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/inno-giubileo-2025.html

Blessing & Sprinkling of Water

The Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water may still replace the Penitential Act. The text will be found in Appendix II in the Missal The blessing and sprinkling of water serves as a memorial of Easter and Baptism. When it is used it replaces the Penitential Act. God is thanked for intervening to save us through the medium of water and is asked to continue to give forgiveness and life. [CTM 147]



to bless this water he has created, which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May He help us by His grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received. Almighty ever-living God, who willed that through water, the fountain of life and the source of purification, even souls should be cleansed and receive the gift of eternal life; be pleased, we pray, to # bless this water, by which we seek protection on this your day, O Lord. Renew the living spring of your grace within us as we journey in hope and grant that by this water we may be defended from all ills of spirit and body, and so, as pilgrims during this Holy Year, we approach you with hearts made clean and worthily receive your salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

As the priest sprinkles the people with the blessed water, a sprinkling song may be sung, for example:

- Water of Life by Stephen Dean (Laudate 512)
- We shall draw water joyfully by Paul Inwood (Laudate 692)
- Asperges me, *plainsong* (Laudate 515)

Dear Brethren (brothers and sisters), On this Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

let us humbly beseech Him

• Come let us follow, Irish tune (Laudate 402) – reference to being pilgrims

When he returns to his chair he says:
May almighty God cleanse of our sins,
and through the celebration of this Eucharist
make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

R/ Amen.





Intercessions

These intercessions have been linked to the six pastoral themes of the Jubilee Year: care for creation, food poverty, modern slavery, managing debt, forgiveness, rest.

Celebrant:

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when Christ was revealed as the Beloved Son, we turn in prayer as Pilgrims of Hope, confident that during this Year of Jubilee, He will hear and answer our prayers:

1. Prayer for the Care of Creation

Jesus, Creator of the Universe,

Open our hearts during this Jubilee Year to be attentive stewards to Your bountiful creation. May we be considerate in the use of earthly resources to ensure the preservation of all You have created and provided for Your children.

Lord of all hope. R/ Hear our prayer

2. Prayer for Food Poverty

Jesus, Bread of Life,

As You sustain us with the Eucharist, help us to find ways of sustaining each other through generosity. May governments throughout the world take account of the daily needs of its nations so that rich harvests You provide may reach those in most need.

Lord of all hope. R/ Hear our prayer

3. Prayer for Modern Slavery

Jesus, Lord of Liberation,

Through the Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in our Baptism, help us to truly live out our vocation of proclaiming freedom to those enslaved in mind or body; give us the courage to speak out against injustice, to act when we are called to do so and to proclaim the Lord's favour in this Jubilee Year.

Lord of all hope. **R/ Hear our prayer**

4. Prayer for Managing Debt

Jesus, Provider of Needs,

We pray for relief for those who are burdened by the unbearable weight and shame of debt. May the world's financial systems be overturned; may selfishness, overspending and greed give way to generosity, kindness and trust in the values of God's kingdom.

Lord of all hope. R/ Hear our prayer

5. Prayer for Forgiveness

Jesus, Merciful Redeemer,





You show us the way, the truth, and the life; as we journey on pilgrimage help us not to condemn, help us not to judge, help us not to hold grudges. May our focus in the Year ahead be Your example of forgiveness and mercy.

Lord of all hope. **R/ Hear our prayer**

6. Prayer for Rest

Jesus, Healer of Body and Soul,

Throughout Your ministry, you showed us how to rest: at table, on the mountain, by the water. Remind us often that Your yoke is easy and burden light. May those who are weary, waiting or wounded, find solace in Your presence.

Lord of all hope. R/ Hear our prayer

Celebrant:

Open the heavens, Lord Jesus Christ, and pour out Your Holy Spirit upon your people gathered here in prayer. Renew in us the grace of our Baptism so that we may reflect, ever more faithfully, the image of You, the Beloved Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

R/ Amen.





Scriptures quotes on Hope (ESV):

- **Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.
- Psalm 42:11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
 Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.
- **Isaiah 40:31** But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.
- Psalm 121:7-8 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.
- **Romans 15:13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.
- Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- **Romans 5:3-4** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.
- **Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- **1 Corinthians 13:13** So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
- Psalm 119:114 You are my hiding place and my shield;
 I hope in your word.
- **Hebrews 10:23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
- **Psalm 31:24** Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!
- Micah 7:7 But as for me, I will look to the Lord;
 I will wait for the God of my salvation;
 my God will hear me.
- Romans 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
- **Proverbs 13:12** Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.
- Lamentations 3:24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,

"therefore I will hope in him."

• **Psalm 25:5** Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

• **Romans 5:5** And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.





- **Psalm 33:22** Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.
- **Psalm 130:5** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.
- **1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.
- **1 Peter 3:15** But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.
- **Colossians 1:27** To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
- **Ephesians 4:4** There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call.
- **Proverbs 24:14** Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.
- **Ephesians 1:18** Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.
- **1 Corinthians 13:6-7** It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- **Proverbs 10:28** The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.
- **Psalm 62:5** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.
- **Romans 15:4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

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