

A Blessing of Hope for the New School Year 2025-2026



We
remember
our Loreto
Pilgrimage to
Knock for the
Jubilee of
Hope...

**Loreto
Pilgrimage to
Knock
1st May 2025**



**"I come as a
pilgrim of peace
and an apostle
of hope."**

Pope Francis



Loreto Pilgrim Prayer

Creator God, be with us on
our pilgrim journey.

Deepen our faith, strengthen
our hope and bind us together
as one Loreto family.

Help us become beacons of joy,
witnesses to your truth,
people of justice.

Holy Spirit, inspire us with
the courage and generosity of
Mary Ward and Teresa Ball.

Send us out to spread
the good news of
your love for us.

Send us out to bring peace and
harmony to our world today.

Send us out with love to
build up hope.

Our Lady of Knock pray for us
and for all who journey with us.
Amen

...Pilgrims of Hope Walking in Truth as we
continue this theme in the new school year



Mary Ward Week 2025



Mary Ward - A Pilgrim of Hope



OFFICIAL HYMN

Jubilee 2025

We reflect on *Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope* in April and in August in Rome as we listen to the experience of staff and pupils from our schools who participated in these celebrations.

- https://youtu.be/7uXO8IUcEZI?si=OLM0a2rlQT_NZPME
- The beautiful music of the Jubilee Hymn in Rome and in our liturgy at Knock led by Loreto College, Mullingar resounds in our memory of these events...

Pope Leo XIV – ‘Jesus tells us,
“You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.”’

“The Church needs your
beautiful witness of faith.”





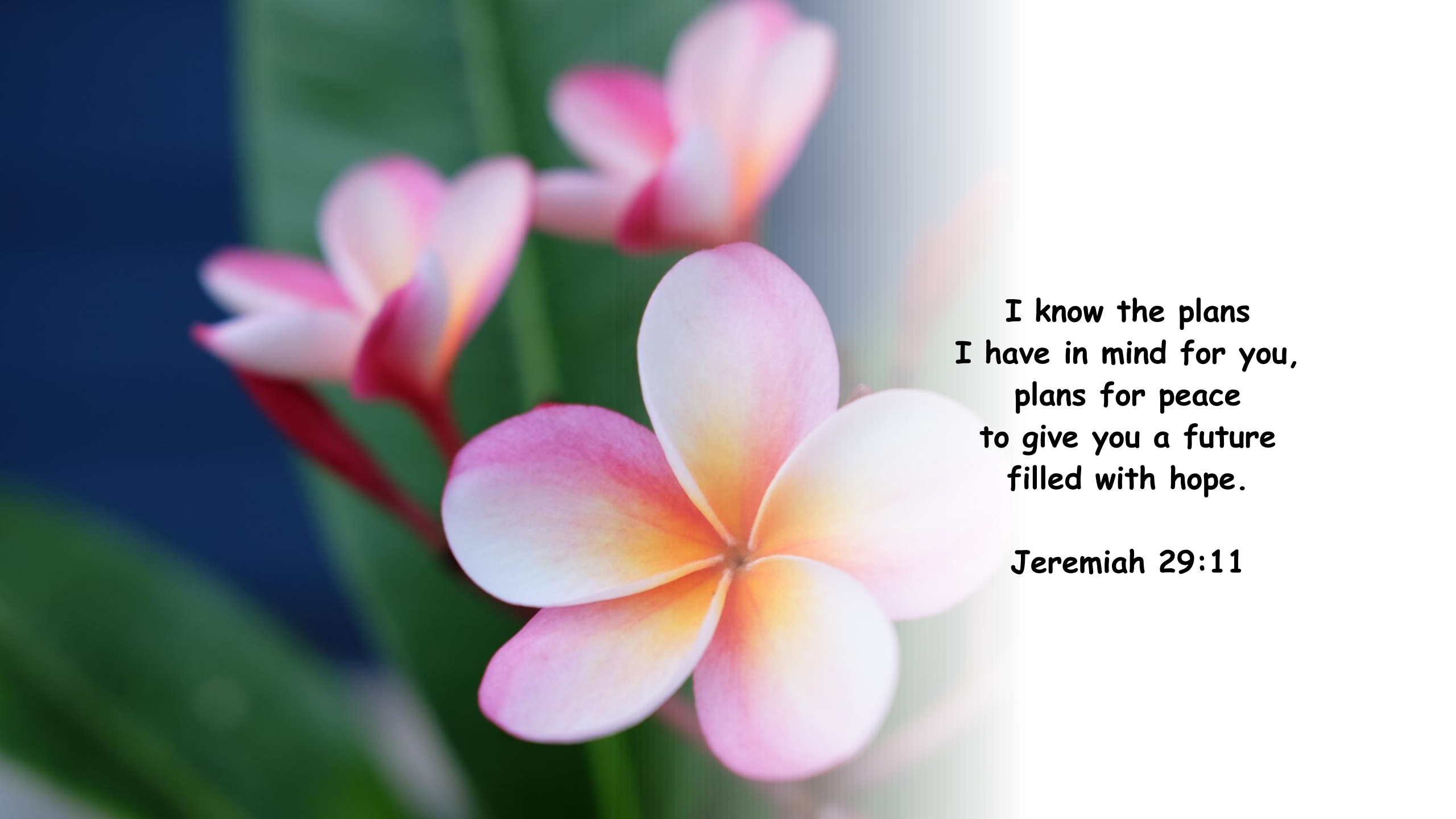


There is always Hope

Hope is
being able to see
that there is light
despite all of the darkness.

Desmond Tutu



A close-up photograph of several plumeria flowers. The flowers have five petals each, with a color gradient from light pink at the edges to a pale yellow in the center. They are set against a background of dark green leaves and a blurred blue sky. The lighting is soft, highlighting the delicate texture of the petals.

I know the plans
I have in mind for you,
plans for peace
to give you a future
filled with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11



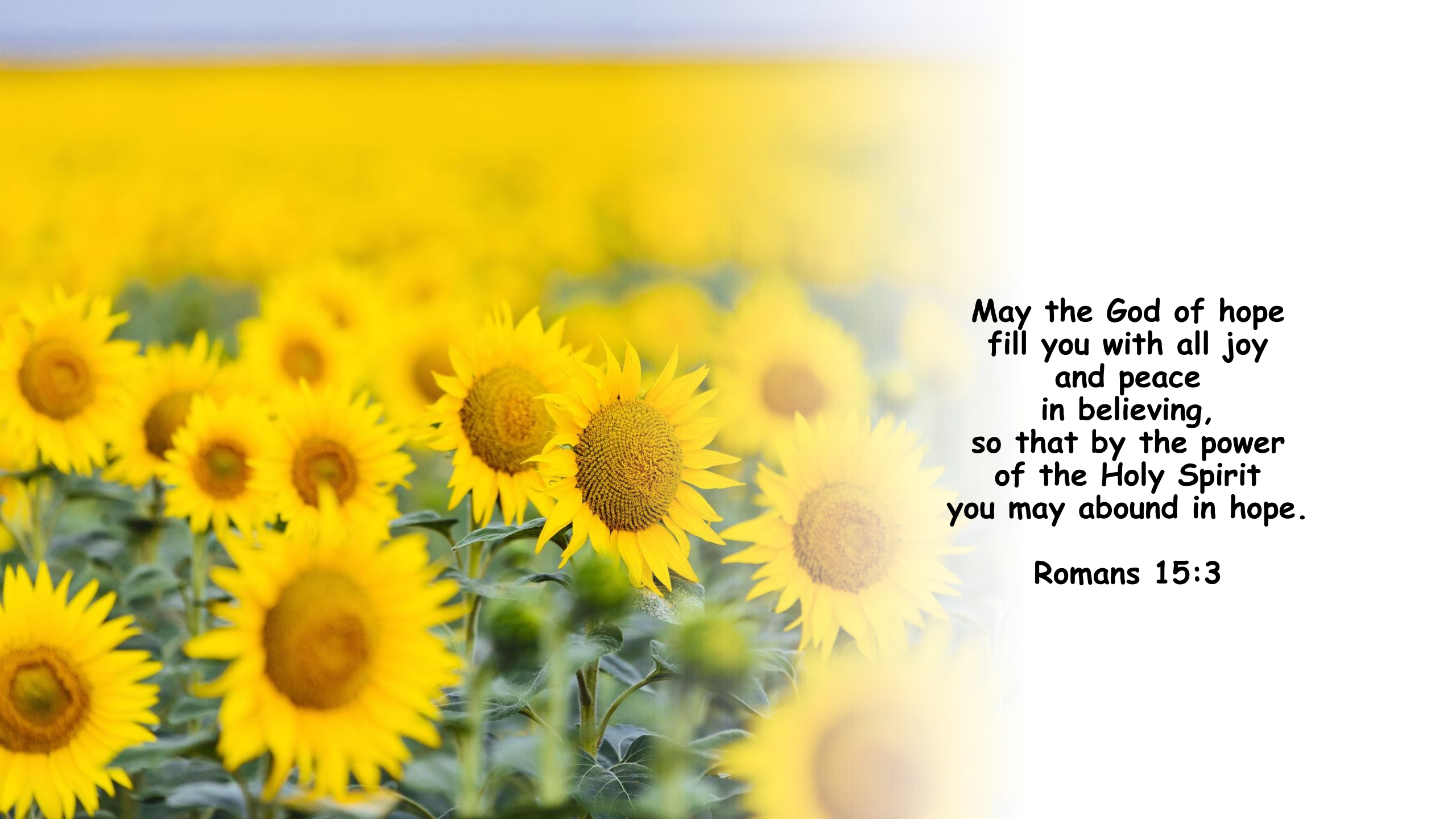
**Nothing can dim the light
which shines from within.**

Maya Angelou



One child, one teacher,
one book and one pen
can change
the world.

Malala Yousafzai

A vibrant field of sunflowers with bright yellow petals and dark brown centers. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, and the background is a soft-focus field of more sunflowers under a clear, light blue sky.

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.

Romans 15:3



**One person
of integrity
can make
a difference.**

Elie Wiesel

Surely the hope is
a story can stay open
with its anthem
of small details
singing...

Eavan Boland





Hope is
a passion
for the
possible.

Søren Kierkegaard



**May your choices
reflect your hopes,
not your fears.**

Nelson Mandela

Hope for
a great sea-change...
Believe that a further shore is
reachable from here.
Believe in miracles.
And cures and healing wells.

S Heaney





What do I hope most for today?



For the World?



For my Family?



For my School?

We hold all our hopes in prayer as we say:

God of Hope, come!

Be the Morning Star in our midst,

the Light that can never go out,

the Beacon of Hope guiding our way to you.

Come into our midst and make of our lives a home,

where your everlasting goodness resonates

with assuring love and vigorous hope.

Amen

(Joyce Rupp)

