



Pope Francis

REST IN PEACE: 1936-2025

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, SUPREME PONTIFF OF THE HOLY SEE PASSED AWAY , On 21st APRIL 2025

AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO THE DEPARTED DIGNITARY, STATE MOURNING SHALL BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT INDIA FOR THREE DAYS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:-

- 1) TWO DAYS' STATE MOURNING ON TUESDAY, THE 22nd APRIL, 2025 AND WEDNESDAY, THE 23rd APRIL, 2025.
- 2) ONE DAY'S STATE MOURNING ON THE DAY OF THE FUNERAL (THE DATE OF THE FUNERAL WILL BE INTIMATED SEPARATELY)

Pope Francis' Life and Legacy.

Jorge Mario Bergoglio, born on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, grew up in a simple home and was deeply influenced by his grandmother's faith.

Before entering the seminary, Jorge studied chemistry and worked as a teacher. He joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and was ordained a priest in 1969. Known for his humility and simplicity, he often travelled by public transport.

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Pope Francis will be remembered for his powerful teachings on mercy, ecology, human dignity, and fraternity. He called the Church to be 'a field hospital'—open, healing, and close to those in need.

In his encyclicals, he spoke boldly on issues like climate change (Laudato Si'), social justice (Fratelli Tutti), and the joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium). His papacy was marked by deep pastoral care, interfaith dialogue, and concern for the marginalized.

Even in his final days, Pope Francis reminded us that love is greater than fear, and that we are all brothers and sisters in God's family. Today, we thank God for his life and pray that his soul rests in eternal peace.

His holiness left for his heavenly abode on 21 April 2025 at 7.35 a.m.