



WORLD
DAY OF
THE SICK

11 FEBRUARY 2026

**THE COMPASSION
OF THE SAMARITAN:
LOVING BY BEARING
ANOTHER'S PAIN**



GUIDE FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Wednesday, 11 February 2026

SUGGESTED REMARKS BEFORE THE ENTRANCE RITE:

Brothers and sisters, welcome to this solemn celebration in which we join our voices and hearts to lift our prayer for all the sick, those who are present here, those who remain in their homes, in hospitals, and also for those who care for them with untiring love.

On this 34th World Day of the Sick, we ask for the grace of *“rediscovering the beauty of charity and the social dimension of compassion that the image of the Good Samaritan recalls”*, exercising patience, listening, and closeness with those who suffer any infirmity. May Mary Most Holy, invoked by the title Our Lady of Lourdes, be our teacher in humble and heartfelt service before the pain of the sick. Let us allow God to show us how to love, bearing another's pain.

Standing, let us begin this celebration with a spirit of faith, hope, and profound reverence.

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PENITENTIAL RITE:

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our faults before God, especially the times when we have been indifferent to the pain and suffering of others.

- You, who stopped before the wounded person on the road, forgive us when we follow at a distance and are simply indifferent. Lord, have mercy.
- You, who touch and heal with tenderness the wounds of humanity, forgive us when we are the ones who wound others with words, actions, or our silence. Christ, have mercy.
- You, who sustain us faithfully in moments of pain and sickness, forgive us for the times that we abandon our brothers and sisters who need comfort. Lord, have mercy.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Celebrating each Marian feast begins with acknowledging and welcoming above all the one command that the Gospel contains from our Mother, the Virgin Mary: "Do whatever He tells you" (Cf. Jn:1-11). The call of Our Lady of Lourdes places us before our sick sisters and brothers. She who is the refuge and health of the sick, asks us to observe the Ways of her Son, Jesus. Let us ready ourselves, guided by his actions and words, so that the Word continues to be a constant invitation: "Go and do the same..."

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Confident in the love of God, who hears the cry of his brothers and sisters, let us lift up our petitions.

1. For the Church, that it continue to be a sign of mercy and comfort for the sick. We pray to the Lord...
2. For all the sick, confined to hospitals or in their homes, that they may find at their sides "Good Samaritans" who see, draw near, and accompany their prolonged pain, loneliness, and uncertainty. We pray to the Lord...
3. For those who care for the sick, may the Lord renew their strength, their patience, and their serenity to help them live in hope. We pray to the Lord...
4. For healthcare professionals, that, by the grace of the Spirit, they may exercise their vocation with wisdom, respect, and compassion. We pray to the Lord...
5. For those who direct nations and healthcare institutions, in their political administrations, healthcare may be guaranteed and offered as a right for all and not a privilege of some. We pray to the Lord...
6. For this community, we obey both the command of the Virgin and of Jesus of Nazareth, and we do good to our sick sisters and brothers, making God present in the midst of their pain. We pray to the Lord...

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OFFERTORY:

Today, Lord, from the hand of Our Lady of Lourdes and the actions of the Good Samaritan, we draw life and the intention to dedicate ourselves to care for our sick brothers and sisters:

- + **Perfumed oil:** This is a sign of relief and tenderness that heals, the perfume of charity, that, in our hands, it may represent comfort for all who need it.
- + **Bandages:** We bring to your altar all those professionals and volunteers who, through their calling and dedication, offer care and accompaniment in each healthcare center. Sustain with your Spirit and animate the commitment they have made to society.
- + **Burning lamp:** May this lamp recall the light of your Spirit, Lord, which keeps alive the faith that "Hope does not disappoint" or hide before any aspect of suffering. May each family member feel sustained with the certainty that "while there is life, there is hope".
- + **Basket of names of the sick:** You know them, Lord, with their stories, pains, and hope. Comfort them with your Love and give us the grace to know how to accompany their reality.
- + **Bread and wine:** Lord, increase our faith so we can believe in this transformation under the action of your Spirit: Bread and wine in your Body and Body, conversion and compassion in all those who play a part in the healing process of each sick person.

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COMMUNION (may be used by the announcer or the priest):

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. To receive Christ sacramentally is to accept him as the center and motor of existence. This marvelous certitude is experienced by a Christian sustained in Spirit and in Word, most especially in times of tribulation or infirmity. Only He can make us strong in our weakness, which becomes an opportunity to glorify him in body and soul.

THANKSGIVING:

Liturgical action

The priest invites the sick present to stand or come near the central aisle. The assembly extends their hands towards them. Then the priest pronounces this solemn prayer:

Lord Jesus, doctor of bodies and souls, look with love on these children of yours. Give them strength in pain, peace in uncertainty, and hope each day. May your Holy Spirit console, sustain, and renew them. Amen.

DEPARTURE: (may be used by the announcer or the priest):

God is counting on each one of us to make visible and credible his mercy at work at all times. Let us be the Samaritans the world needs. Let's extend our hands, open our hearts, and set out to be neighbours to those who need our words and gestures of comfort. Let us make our world the great Samaritan inn in action.



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SOME SUGGESTED SONGS:

ENTRANCE:

El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Hna Glenda)
The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation (Sister Glenda)

PENITENTIAL RITE:

"Kyrie eleison" (Taizé)

ALLELUIA:

Alleluia of Taizé

OFFERTORY:

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Sebastian Temple)

COMMUNION:

Tú eres más fuerte (Jon Carlo)
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8N-c_921lo&list=RDc8Nc_921lo&start_radio=1)
Te necesito (Jon Carlo)
(https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jon+carlo+te+necesito)
Whatsoever You Do (Willard Jabusch)
Come to the Water (John Foley, S.J.)

CLOSING:

Go to the World! (Sylvia G. Dustan)
This Little Light of Mine (An African-American spiritual)

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