



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 11 FEBRUARY 2026



INTRODUCTION:

Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme for the 34th World Day of the Sick: "The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain". The theme of the World Day of the Sick, focusing on the Gospel figure of the Samaritan who shows love by caring for the suffering man who fell into the hands of thieves, highlights this aspect of love of neighbour: love needs concrete gestures of closeness, through which we enter into the suffering of others, those who are ill, especially those who at the same time experience poverty, isolation, and loneliness.

READINGS:

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c
Responsorial Psalm: Judith 13:18bcde, 19
Gospel: John 2:1-11

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Loving God, Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress; he broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death. Remember in your mercy all for whom we pray.

Response: Lord, come and heal us

For Pope Leo, Bishops, and all Church leaders, that each will show to those they encounter, the compassion of the Samaritan. Let us pray to the Lord.

For the sick and homebound of our parish, that we may bring them the Lord's consoling presence through our love and assistance. Let us pray to the Lord.

For families caring for sick and aged relatives, that they may be sustained by faith, treated with patience, and helped by loving support. Let us pray to the Lord.

That through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, the suffering may find healing and renewal. Let us pray to the Lord.

For those grieving the loss of a loved one, that the hope of the resurrection may bring peace to their mourning hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Loving God, as we gather in your presence, we implore you to fill us with your healing love. Strengthen us in faith, give us certainty in our doubt and courage in our fear. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen