



The 25th **World Day of the Sick** will be celebrated in 2017, as it is every year, on February 11, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year, the Holy Father's Message is entitled *Amazement at what God has accomplished: "The Almighty has done great things for me..."* (Luke 1.49). In his Message, Pope Francis offers prayerful support and encouragement "to physicians, nurses, volunteers and all those consecrated men and women committed to serving the sick and those in need. I also embrace the ecclesial and civil institutions working to this end, and the families who take loving care of their sick. I pray that all may be ever joyous signs of the presence of God's love and imitate the luminous testimony of so many friends of God, including Saint John of God and Saint Camillus de' Lellis, the patrons of hospitals and healthcare workers, and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, missionary of God's love."

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