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## PRAYER *for* WORLD DAY *of* THE SICK

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**FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

**GOD OF HEALING AND COMPASSION,**

You shower us with your infinite care,  
and comfort all in pain and affliction.

**LOOK WITH ABUNDANT MERCY ON ALL WHO SUFFER**

in body, mind or spirit. Grant healing and hope  
to the sick, the wounded and the dying  
in their darkest hours, so they may witness the power  
of Your Healing Presence in the world.

**WE THANK YOU, GRACIOUS GOD,**

for all those who have contributed to the mission  
of Catholic health care for more than 200 years in the United States.  
These are the women and men who  
inspire and inform the work we do every day.

**SEND YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE AND EMPOWERING PRESENCE**

to all who continue working to alleviate the suffering  
of the sick, the lonely and the broken-hearted, wherever they may be.  
Sustain us, Your ministers of compassion and healing,  
in our work in the world as we continue Your mission of love and healing.

**MAY WE BE THE FACE OF YOUR SON, JESUS, WHO SAID,**

“Come to me all who labor and are burdened  
and you will find rest for your souls,  
for my yoke is easy and my burden light.”  
May all who work in health care and all those who suffer  
with family and loved ones who are ill  
feel their burdens lightened through the intercession of our prayers.

**WE ASK THIS, ON THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,**

through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,  
whose feast we celebrate today,  
and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. **AMEN.**