

## World Day of the Sick Resources

Feb. 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.

Posed below organisations offer variety of resources – prayer cards, sample prayer services, homilies, video reflections and more – that will assist you to celebrate World Day of the Sick in your parish.

- **The National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC)**

The National Association of Catholic Chaplains has developed resources to help with the planning and celebration of World Day of the Sick. The resources include suggestions and prayers that can be used by individuals as well as by dioceses, parishes, health care institutions, and other organizations.

For NACC resources (English and Spanish) click here:

<https://www.nacc.org/resources/spirituality-and-prayer-resources/world-day-of-the-sick/>

- **Catholic Health Alliance of Canada (CHAC)**

In past years the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada developed an annual resource kit to help with the planning and celebration of World Day of the Sick, held on February 11.

To view CHAC resource kits please click here:

[http://www.chac.ca/resources/world/archive/index\\_e.php](http://www.chac.ca/resources/world/archive/index_e.php)

- **The Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA)**

CHA annually produces prayer cards, sample prayer service and video reflections to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.

CHA also offers homilies that help connect the healing mission of the Church with parishes and the communities we serve. Written by prominent Catholic theologians and preachers, the homilies bring important issues about healing and care for the poor in the context of Gospel and Church teachings.

For CHA resources click here: <https://www.chausa.org/prayers/liturgical-prayers-and-reflections/solemnities-feast-days-and-memorials/world-day-of-the-sick>

- **Centre Spiritualitésanté de la Capitale-Nationale**

Posters and Prayer Cards in French and English.

Order by fax to: 418 682-7943 by mail to: CSSanté, 2300-2400, avenue D'Estimauville, Québec (Québec) G1E 7G9 or visit [www.cssante.ca](http://www.cssante.ca) under Journée mondiale des malades.

- **Messages for the World Day of the Sick**

**Messages of Pope Francis**

<https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick.index.html#messages>

**Messages of Pope Benedict XVI**

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/messages/sick.index.html>

**Messages from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops**

<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/messages-from-the-holy-see/5066-2019-world-day-of-the-sick>

**Message from Moira McQueen, LLB, MDiv, PhD Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute**

[http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/2019\\_World\\_Day\\_of\\_the\\_Sick\\_February2019\\_CCBI.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/2019_World_Day_of_the_Sick_February2019_CCBI.pdf)