## Prayer in preparation for the World Day of the Sick 2019

Lord Jesus, you called St. Teresa of Calcutta to be the healing touch of your love to the sick, the physically and mentally challenged, the wounded and the lonely.

Without cost we receive your generosity: help us to give without cost.

Fill our hearts with your tenderness, mercy and compassion so that we can become generous conduits of your love and care to the sick and suffering of all creeds, races and backgrounds in the most advanced, and in the most disadvantaged, areas of the world.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Teresa of Calcutta, we ask you to bless us as we prepare for the celebration of the World Day of the Sick in Kolkata.

May the sick know your special love for them, and may all of us who care for the sick in our families and institutions become ever more aware of our privilege and responsibility in sharing your ministry of caring and healing. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us. St. Teresa of Calcutta, Pray for us.

To be prayed daily from 01.12.2018 to 11.02.2019 in the Archdiocese of Calcutta:

- In all churches and religious communities: after Holy Communion
- In all families: during family prayer/Rosary

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