

"To all who are sick, do not lose hope, especially when your suffering is at its worst. Christ is near you." *Pope Francis*

Jesus,

We ask You to be present through us, in bringing comfort, consolation and assurance that they are not alone, to all who are sick, suffering, or lonely.

May we be blessed with listening hearts as we accompany our sisters and brothers on their journey through suffering and fear to health.

If their suffering leads to death, may our presence assure them and their caregivers that the journey continues and death is not the end.

Give us words of encouragement and hope as we share scripture, the Word of Truth.

May those who are suffering experience Your true presence Jesus, when receiving Holy Communion, and

May we always remain your faithful disciples and ministers of care.

Amen.