CALL TO PRAYER
LEADER: Being a nurse is more than a job, it is a calling. It is truly a ministry of healing. Nurses become the face and hands of Christ to their patients and to the families of the sick and dying. Today we honor the work of nurses in Catholic health care, and we pray for the blessing they are to those they serve and also to those of us who minister with them. In the following reading, Paul describes to the Thessalonians the selfless love and the hard work exhibited by all those who would spread the Gospel.

READINGS
READER I (1 Thessalonians 2: 8-9)
“With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall ... our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.”

Silent Reflection

CLOSING PRAYER
LEADER: Let us hold in prayer all those who serve others in Jesus’ name, especially nurses.

ALL: Loving God, we pray for nurses and all those who minister to the sick, the dying and all who are in need of care. May they be witnesses of Christ’s healing mercy. May we follow their many examples of competence and compassion. Grant nurses the strength and courage to face the challenges of each day and to remain faithful in their ministry of service. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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