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World Day of the Sick

## *"It is not good that man should be alone". Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships*

"It is not good that man should be alone" (cf. Gen 2:18). From the beginning, God, who is love, created us for communion and endowed us with an innate capacity to enter into relationship with others.

Our lives, reflecting in the image of the Trinity, are meant to attain fulfilment through a network of relationships, friendships and love, both given and received.

We were created to be together, not alone. Precisely because this project of communion is so deeply rooted in the human heart, we see the experience of abandonment and solitude as something frightening, painful and even inhuman.

This is all the more the case at times of vulnerability, uncertainty and insecurity, caused often by the onset of a serious illness.

Pope Francis