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Your Holiness, dear Pope Francis,

As you live through this time of illness, I write to assure you of the prayers of so many here in England and Wales. The prayers of the Catholic community are fervent and heartfelt. Many others, I am sure, are joining in this prayer for your recovery and continued health.

You will understand that Catholics in England and Wales have a particular devotion to the person of the Holy Father, arising out of the historic loyalty of the faithful in these countries to him. Very many people hold you in high esteem and appreciate deeply the guidance and leadership you give in your Petrine ministry.

We pray that through the intercession of our Blessed Lady, especially under her title of Our Lady of Walsingham, you may be given strength and perseverance in these days and continue to bring to the world the joy and compassion which has been so steadfastly at the heart of your ministry.

I ask your blessing on our communities and on all the people of these lands.

With my deepest reverence and affection,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Vincent Nichols". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

✠ Vincent Nichols
Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster
President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales