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A handwritten sign with prayers for Pope Francis' recovery is seen among candles and flowers at the base of a statue of St. John Paul II outside Rome's Gemelli hospital Feb. 27, 2025. The pope has been hospitalized there since Feb. 14. (CNS/Lola Gomez)



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