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I am Dr. Robert H. Young of the Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, United States of America and I am speaking on behalf of the 300 physicians and accompanying persons of the Second International Pathology Meeting Along The Way To Santiago. The physicians of the group are all pathologists, doctors who study disease by looking at tissues including under the microscope. We have made our pilgrimage here for the past week from Porto and have had medical lectures to enhance our knowledge but also time for reflection and enjoyment of the wonderful scenery in this special part of the world and the historical sites of the region. As part of our work we see many serious afflictions of humans that are associated with great pain and suffering and on behalf of all of our group I pray to the Apostle St. James for comfort to be brought to those who suffer from the diverse conditions we see and also to bring comfort to their families. By the good deeds of his life and his sacrifice and martyrdom for his beliefs the apostle provides the greatest of examples to us and that we are in the presence in this house of God of his human remains fills us with awe. We also pray to the apostle that those physicians here today and all those practicing the noble art and science of medicine throughout the world will be blessed with insights to advance knowledge concerning diagnosing human disease and to make discoveries that will benefit mankind. We are humbled to be in this magnificent cathedral in this holy year as we turn to the apostle and God in heaven for inspiration, wisdom and enlightenment in our remaining years on this earth.