



# World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday 24 July

## Summary Liturgy Guide

- **Mass:** Please choose one Mass on Sunday 24 July to be dedicated to celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.
- **Prayers of the Faithful:** Use some or all of the suggested Prayers of the Faithful. See [below 1.](#)
- **Offertory:** Invite grandparents/the elderly to take part in the offertory procession.
- **Readings:** Invite grandparents/the elderly to do the readings.
- **Prayer:** Put the prayer for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in your newsletter (or print separately for distribution) and recite at the end of Mass or some point during Mass, eg after prayers of the faithful. See [below 2.](#)
- **Final Blessing:** Use the suggested final blessing, [below 3.](#)

### **Don't forget to add an insert into this week's newsletter:**

*World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly is on Sunday 24 July. Next Sunday's [TIME] Mass will be dedicated to them to show gratitude for their gifts and contribution to parish and family life. We warmly invite all grandparents and the elderly to join us for this special Mass.*

*Please use some or all of the below suggested prayers of the faithful at Mass for the Elderly and Infirm on Sunday 24 July.*

## **1. Prayers of the Faithful**

- For all of us elders, that we may become creators of the revolution of tenderness and that we may teach everyone to look at their brothers and sisters with the same gaze that we look at our dear grandchildren. Let us pray.
- For young people, that they may go with joy to meet the elderly and show them God's tenderness. For the world to be filled with the overflowing joy of a new embrace between the young and the old! Let us pray.
- For all of us grandfathers and grandmothers, that even in old age we may bear fruits of wisdom for our families and that we may learn to pass on the treasure of faith to our grandchildren and to the new generations. Let us pray.
- That all of us, grandparents and elders, will not be afraid to intercede for the salvation of the world, just as Abraham did, that peace will come everywhere and especially in Ukraine. Let us pray.
- For the Church, which everywhere today celebrates the World Day dedicated to them, to be more and more a welcoming home for grandparents and the elderly. For Pope Francis that the Lord will bless and protect his ministry. Let us pray.

*We recommend printing this prayer and making it available to parishioners at Masses on Sunday 24 July. You may wish to recite it at Mass.*

## **2. Prayer for World Day for Grandparents & The Elderly** **Sunday 24 July**

I thank You, Lord,  
for the comfort of Your presence:  
even in times of loneliness,  
You are my hope and my confidence,  
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!  
I thank You for having given me a family  
and for having blessed me with a long life.  
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,  
for the dreams that have already come true in my life  
and for those that are still ahead of me.  
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness  
to which You call me.  
Increase, O Lord, my faith,  
make me a channel of your peace,  
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,  
to never stop dreaming  
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.  
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,  
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.  
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,  
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,  
the poor consoled and wars ended.  
Sustain me in weakness  
and help me to live life to the full  
in each moment that You give me,  
in the certainty that you are with me every day,  
even until the end of the age.  
Amen.

*Please use this final blessing at Mass for Grandparents & the Elderly on Sunday 24 July.*

### **3. Final Blessing**

#### **Blessing on a long life**

God of mercy,  
You have given your children the gift of long life,  
And they ask for your blessing.  
Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence.  
As they look back to the past, let them rejoice in your mercy.  
As they look to the future,  
May they persevere in hope that does not fade.  
To you be praise and glory for ever.

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This document is a summary of the liturgy notes section of a document produced by the Dicastery for Laity, Life and Family. Find it at: <https://archedinburgh.org/wp-content/uploads/Day-for-Grandparents.pdf>

For more information on World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, visit:  
<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/eventi/2022/ii-giornata-mondiale-d-ei-nnonni-e-degli-anziani.html>