



Suggestions for the prayers of the faithful

- For all of us elderly, that we may know how to be witnesses of the Lord's mercy that extends from generation to generation. Let us pray.
- For the youth, so that they may "quickly" set out to meet the elderly and manifest God's tenderness to them. May the world thus be filled with the overflowing joy of a new embrace between the youth and the elderly! Let us pray.
- For all of us grandfathers and grandmothers, that we may be a source of wisdom for our families and that we may learn to pass on the treasure of faith to our grandchildren and the next generation. Let us pray.
- So that no elderly person may be discarded or abandoned any longer, so that there may be consolation for the lonely and healing for the sick. That the Church may know how to offer the balm of closeness and mercy to the weakest elderly. Let us pray.
- So that the Church, wherever it celebrates today the World Day dedicated to them, will be more and more a welcoming home for grandparents and the elderly, and for Pope Francis, may the Lord bless and protect his ministry. Let us pray.
- So that grandparents are able to look in wonder at their grandchildren, listening to them and standing beside them as "teachers of life," with humility and wisdom. Let us pray



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Final blessing

The Blessing of Long Life

God of mercy,

Who has given the gift of long life to Your children,

grant them Your blessing;

let them feel the sweetness and strength of Your presence:

Turning back to the past

let them rejoice in Your mercy

and looking to the future

Let them persevere in the hope that does not die.

Praise and glory to You for ever and ever.