



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

25th July 2021



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has instituted a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Grandparents and their grandchildren are invited to visit the church together this Sunday and light a candle to pray together and for each other.



Prayer for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

*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 giving 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 still lie 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 may be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.*

*Sustain me in my weakness
And help me to live life to the full
In every moment that You give me,
In the certainty that You are with me every day
Even until the end of the age.*

AMEN