



Grandparents' Prayer

**Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on Grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.**

**Lord Jesus, help families and society
to value the presence and roles of Grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep Grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!**

Benedict XVI

Composed for the Catholic Grandparents Assn. by HH Pope Benedict XVI

Catholic Grandparents Association's Enrolment Prayer

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of and loved beyond all telling by the Virgin Mary, protected by St. Joseph, and loved by your Grandparents St. Joachim and St. Anne, I offer to you today my heart as Member of Catholic Grandparents Association.

In doing so, I commit myself to keeping prayer at the heart of the family, to help pass on the Christian faith within the family, from generation to generation, and in doing so, to commit myself to the obligations of Catholic Grandparents Association and its Spirituality.

With a grateful heart, I pray that my understanding be always obedient to your teachings and heavenly inspirations, that my heart be also inflamed with love of God and my neighbour, and that my will be conformed evermore to your Divine will. Amen."

Nihil Obstat
+Ralph Heskett, C.Ss.R.
Bishop of Hallam

Proposed Concluding Prayer for Prayer Meetings

All praise to You, Lord Jesus, Lover of children. bless our family,
our sons and daughters,
and
all our grandchildren.

Let Your Spirit fill our homes with warmth and grace,
that our families become one with the Father and with You,
who live and reign in unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

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Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these Your gifts, which we are about to receive, from
Your goodness, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Or old English version

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from
Thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.