

July 25, 2021

*First
World Day
of Grandparents
and the Elderly*



*"I am with you
always"*



To you, dear volunteers, who have journeyed through time; time not counted in years but in wisdom, in faith and in human relationships, we offer these words inspired by Pope Francis.


Thank you for being a living inspiration to one another and a light of hope for the people you accompany.



*Your precious voice sings the
praises of God
and is the guardian of our roots
and our story.*

A vibrant garden scene with a path leading through colorful azaleas and a dense forest in the background. The path is made of wooden planks and leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. On the left, there are large, bushy azaleas with bright pink and purple flowers. On the right, there are more azaleas in shades of yellow, orange, and pink. The background is a dense forest of tall, thin trees with green foliage. The text is written in a yellow, cursive font and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image.

*There is no retirement age for
the mission
of proclaiming the gospel*



*The Holy Spirit, even today, stirs
up thoughts and words of wisdom
in the elderly*

The elderly can be active participants in a pastoral evangelization, privileged witnesses of God's faithful love.



PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY OF 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 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.

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