



## BLESSING OF GRANDPARENTS

Save this blessing for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on July 25th. If possible, the oldest grandchild might serve as the leader, and one more person as the reader.

*When the grandparents, parents, and children have gathered, all make the sign of the cross.*

**Leader:** Blessed be God, who is faithful through all generations.

**R:/** Blessed be God forever.

**Leader:** Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he Bless them with happiness and good health.

*Then the Scripture is read:*

**Reader:** Listen to the words of Psalm 128:

Happy are you who fear the Lord,  
who walk in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your  
handiwork;

happy shall you be, and favored.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;

Your children like olive plants  
around your table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion:

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

May you see your children's children.

Peace be upon Israel!

*(The family Bible may be used for an  
alternate reading, such as Ezekiel 37:24b-  
27)*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**R:/** Thanks be to God.

*After a time of silence, all join in prayers  
of intercession and in the Lord's Prayer.*

**Leader:** Lord God almighty,

Bless our grandparents with long life,  
Happiness, and health.

May they remain constant in your love  
and be living signs of your presence to  
their children and grandchildren.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R:/** Amen.

*All make the sign of the cross*

**Leader:** May God bless us and keep us all  
the days of our lives.

**R:/** Amen.