



Prayer Service for Grandparents Day

Introduction

Welcome to all our grandparents here today.

We thank our grandparents, down through the ages, for telling us about God, showing us how to pray and for loving us as we are. Today, we thank God for you, our grandparents.

Hymn

'This is the Day' (*Grow in Love: Third Class/Primary 5 Teacher's Manual*, p. 254) or 'Christ be our Light' (*Grow in Love: Fourth Class/Primary 6 Teacher's Manual*, p. 404)

We will now listen to God speaking to us from the Bible as we read from the letter to the Ephesians.

Reading

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians (2:19-22).

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

'The Lord, He Is My Shepherd' (*Grow in Love: First Class/Primary 3 Teacher's Manual*, p. 159) or 'This is the Day' (*Grow in Love: Third Class/Primary 5 Teacher's Manual*, p. 254).

Intercessions

Response: God bless them and protect them.

We give thanks to God for our grandparents. **R/**

We pray for all who are worried or anxious today. **R/**

We pray for all who help us to live our lives well, as Jesus taught us. **R/**

We pray for all who are feeling unwell today. **R/**

We pray for all our loved ones who have died and are now with God. **R/**

We will pause and remember anyone who might need our prayers today. **R/**

We will now bring all our prayers before God as we say our family prayer: *Our Father ...*



Closing Prayer

Let us pray:

God, our loving Father,

We thank you for all who are gathered here.

We pray that we will all grow to know
how much we are loved by God.

We ask God to show us how to live
our best and most loving lives,
following the example of Jesus.

We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Choose any hymn(s) from the following:

‘This Little Light of Mine’ (*Grow in Love: First Class/Primary 3*, p. 290);

‘Spirit-Filled Day’ (*Grow in Love: Sixth Class Teacher’s Manual*, p. 442);

‘Christ Be our Light’ (*Grow in Love: Sixth Class Teacher’s Manual*, p. 393);

‘A Mhuire Mháthair’ (*Grow in Love: Fifth Class/Primary 7 Teacher’s Manual*, p. 445)

