

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

28 JULY 2024



“Do not cast me off
in my old age”

PSALM 71:9

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2024

Lord, faithful God,
You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone
and who accompanies us
through every season of life,

Do not abandon us, take care of us,
And grant us, once again,
The ability to discover ourselves
and recognise that we are Your children.

Renew our hearts with your Word
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.
May your Spirit of love fill us
with Your tenderness
And teach us to say:
“I will not abandon you!”

To those we meet on our journey.
With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
And may we not conform to the sadness of
loneliness.

Help us to look to the future with
renewed hope, and make the World Day for
Grandparents and the Elderly
a day without loneliness,
and a day abundant with the
first-fruits of Your peace.

Amen.

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