



Encountering God's Love



Prayers for Grandchildren

31 days of Prayers and Bible Verses for Grandparents

Introduction

Grandchildren hold a very special place in our hearts and as Christian grandparents, with God's help, we can make a real difference in their lives, and in the lives of generations to come. There is no better way to show God's love than to pray for them.

When we pray for them, whether they are a very young infant, a child or a grown adult, God can affect their lives for good. God can use us as grandparents to be strong encouragers and prayer warriors for our grandchildren. We know that God has plans for good for our lives, (Jeremiah 29:11) so how precious it is to be able to pray this and God's many other promises into their lives. It is such a privilege to be able to ask God to bless them.

Prayer also knows no distance and so if our grandchildren live far away, the fact that they know we are praying for and thinking about them can be incredibly significant.

This booklet contains different prayer themes for each day of the month. We are invited to read some short verses of scripture (New International Version) relating to that day's theme. It's then good to think on and pray about how these apply to our own walk with the Lord, before we pray for our grandchildren. After all, if we want to pray for our grandchildren and to show God's love to them, it's a good idea to first look at our own walk with the Lord. The booklet is written undated so that it can be used month after month.

If you are able, you might like to tell your children and grandchildren that you are praying for them. Please always show respect for them and their beliefs and wishes.

By taking time to pray daily for our grandchildren we are leaving a strong Christian legacy and a godly inheritance. We are also letting them know that we deeply love and care for them, long to bless them and that they are loved not only by us, but by God himself.

'This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us'. 1 John 5:14

Ready to spend time praying for and blessing your grandchildren? Let's go!

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Day 1: Created by God

"So God created human beings in His own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27

"The Spirit of the Lord has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life." Job 33:4

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

"Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them." Psalm 111:2

Father God, I thank you that you made me in your image and that I have my identity in you. May my life be rooted in and reflect the identity I have in you, as your child, and may I live to serve you in doing the works you have prepared in advance for me to do, that I might bless others and bring glory to your name. Amen.

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Father God, you have handcrafted my grandchildren and breathed life into them. You are an amazing creator and because of you they have life and being. Help them to know their great value and worth because they have been created by you.

When I look into the eyes of my grandchildren I want to praise you Lord. My grandchildren are designed by you. Great are your works. Your hand has formed every aspect of them and I stand in wonder, praising you.

You, the creator of the sky, the billions of stars, the moon and all of creation, have made my grandchildren. I am so thankful that you care for them, love them and that you take notice of every detail of their life.

You created my grandchildren for a purpose and have planned out tasks for them to do which will bless others. Please help them to walk on your path and accomplish what you have set for them to complete.

Please let my grandchildren grow to be a reflection of what you intended and help them to find their identity in you Jesus.

Amen

Day 2: Receiving the gift of salvation

“That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

“Come now, let us reason together, “says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool..” Isaiah 1:18

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9

“...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6

Merciful Father, thank you for the gift of salvation, so freely offered to me through the death and resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ. Thank you that you were, and are, patient and forgiving with me, even though I don't deserve it. Please help me as a grandparent to be loving, kind and patient with my grandchildren and to share with them the joy of knowing your forgiveness. Amen.

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Dear Lord, please help my grandchildren to seek your forgiveness. Please prepare their hearts to receive the gift of your salvation, by accepting and believing in you, your death and resurrection. May they be faithful and steadfast in walking with you throughout their lifetime. Help them to believe fully all the truths in the Bible and to trust in them.

Lord, you are forgiving. May my grandchildren know that you are the answer to the problem of sin. Please help them to humble their heart before you and know how precious they are to you. Thank you that you loved them so much that you gave your life for them.

As temptations arise and the pressures from this world to deny you increase, thank you for your faithful support for my grandchildren. Please give them strength to stand firm in their faith.

Amen

Day 3: Having good health

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health, and that all may go well with you....."

3 John 1:2

"Six days you shall labour, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the ploughing season and harvest you must rest." Exodus 34:21

"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Proverbs 17:22

Heavenly Father, thank you that you pour out your goodness upon me and thank you for the good health I have enjoyed. Help me as a grandparent to show the importance of living healthily and resting according to your commandments. Guide me Lord to get the balance right between work and rest. May I rest in you through the good and the difficult times in my health, and know your presence close to me at all times. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Father, please keep my grandchildren safe and healthy in body, mind and spirit. Protect them from the burden of sickness and injury and please bless them with good health and sustain them as they grow.

As life can be so busy and pull us in all different directions, I pray that my grandchildren will know the importance of rest and the balance between work, play and commitments. Help them to take time to relax to be refreshed.

When my grandchildren have had a difficult day, please help them to turn to you. Give them mental wellness and stability. Though hard times may come, help their spirit not to be crushed.

Amen

Day 4: Following Jesus

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

"But you man of God, flee from all this and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called." 1 Timothy 6:11-12

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:10

Gracious Father, would you equip me, by your Holy Spirit, to fight the good fight and know righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness, through your strength, in my life. Please protect me with your armour to stand against the devil's schemes. May my grandchildren be aware that I do all things in your strength and may I take opportunities to share my faith in Jesus with them. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Please help my grandchildren to accept your love for them, believe in you, seek your forgiveness, and find the joy and blessing of eternal life.

Grant my grandchildren, by your grace, the strength and endurance to follow you throughout their life. Please help them to be a disciple of yours, following righteousness, godliness, faith, love and gentleness throughout their lifetime.

Please help my grandchildren to be strong in you by equipping them with your armour and give them discernment that they might resist the schemes of the evil one. Help them to stand firm in your truth and follow you throughout their lifetime.

Amen

Day 5: Knowing their identity in Christ

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I set you apart."
Jeremiah 1:5

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old has gone, the new has come!"
2 Corinthians 5:17

"In love he predestined us to be adopted as his children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.." Ephesians 1:5

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9

Father God, thank you that you made me and called me to yourself as your child and that I am a new creation now that I am in Christ, and have my identity in you.

Please may my life as a grandparent reflect Jesus and draw my grandchildren to yourself. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Lord you have known my grandchildren since before they were born and you have set them apart for your specific plans and purposes. You long to bless them with your promise of plans for good in their lives. Thank you that you have chosen their existence, please help them to follow you.

Thank you, Jesus, that when we put our trust in you, we are adopted into your family. I am trusting that my precious grandchildren will experience your saving grace and know the joy of being your child.

I praise you Lord because once we belong to you, we are a new creation. I ask that my grandchildren will experience your light and transforming presence in their lives.

Please help them recognise and declare your excellence and goodness all their lives.

Amen

Day 6: Trusting in God

“Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.” Psalm 9:10

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

“Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your words are trustworthy and you have promised these good things to your servant” 2 Samuel 7:28

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you will overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

May my trust in you, Father God, be evident in all I do, in whatever circumstances I find myself in, that my grandchildren may see that you are worthy of our trust. On days when I find it hard to trust in you, please help me to lift my eyes up from my circumstances and feelings, to you and to remember the promises you have made in your word and how true they have been in my life, by your grace, that I may trust you afresh. Amen.

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

I ask that my grandchildren will know you as their best friend and learn that they can call out to you whenever they need help. As they trust in you, may they experience your faithfulness and understand that you will never leave them.

Father, thank you that you have called my grandchildren to be your child. As they come to know you, let them take comfort in the fact that they can fully trust you. Help them to see that you will work out everything for good in their lives.

May they come to know that you are holy and sovereign and that your word is trustworthy. Let them experience the good promises you have in store for those who trust in you, that your name may be glorified.

Please give my grandchildren joy and peace as they grow to trust you. As they are filled with your Spirit, bless them with a deep and overflowing hope that anchors them in your truth.

Amen

Day 7: Having a good heart

“But the Lord said to Samuel, Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him; The Lord does not look at the things people look at. Human beings look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

“Good people bring good things out of the good stored up in their hearts; and evil people bring evil things out of the evil stored up in their hearts. For out of the overflow of one’s heart the mouth speaks.” Luke 6:45

Dear Father, help me to examine my own heart and to know your power at work within me to change me to be more like you. As a grandparent, help me to set a godly example as I do my part to reveal your love and kindness to them, as my heart overflows with thankfulness for your goodness to me. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Father, you are looking at what goes on inside our hearts and not at our appearance. I pray that you will help my grandchildren to have good hearts. Foster qualities in them that bring joy to you.

Please help them to be filled with your Spirit so that their heart is full of attributes like kindness, patience and joy. Let their words and actions show that their hearts are good and pure.

Help my grandchildren to be encouragers (like Barnabas) and kind and generous like the boy with the five barley loaves and two fishes. Let them be willing to share. Please bless and multiply their generous acts and use their kindness to make a difference in the lives of others.

Please help them to have the desire and ability to work well with others and instil in them a heart of reliability and camaraderie. May my grandchildren also grow in the gift of hospitality to make other people feel valued and welcomed in their presence.

Amen

Day 8: Being merciful and forgiving

"Blessed are the merciful for they shall be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God- this is your spiritual act of worship." Romans 12:1

"Be merciful, just as Your Father is merciful." Luke 6:36

"...but He (Jesus) said to him, 'Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.'" Mark 5:19

Lord, we are all completely dependent upon your mercy towards us. It is not by our own merit but by your grace that we belong to you. Thank you for the countless times you have shown your mercy towards me, none of which I have deserved. Grant me a heart full of mercy and forgiveness towards others, and especially towards my grandchildren, and please forgive me for the times when I have not acted in this way. Amen.

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

We give you thanks that you are a sovereign, good and compassionate Father; please have compassion on my grandchildren and their family. Help them to dwell under your hand of mercy and let them worship you with their lives.

In hard times, please have mercy on my grandchildren and please keep them from adversity.

Please bless them with an attitude of mercy and help them to be merciful and forgiving to others. As you showed mercy to others, please may my grandchildren follow your example in their hearts and in the way they treat others.

Amen

Day 9: Being righteous

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24

"Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives..." 2 Peter 3:11

"The memory of the righteous will be a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot."
Proverbs 10:7

Lord Jesus, the only way we can be righteous before you, is to accept what you have done for us by your death and resurrection. Help us also to live in your strength as your Holy Spirit dwells within us. On our own we simply cannot live holy and godly lives. Thank you that your presence and power is available to us, day by day, that though we fall short of what you deserve of us, we might be able to live our lives to your glory. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Lord Jesus, in just the same way, the only way my grandchildren can be righteous before you, is to accept what you did for them. Help my grandchildren to be able to die to sin and live for righteousness because of your death on the cross.

Please help them to walk faithfully with you and despite the pressures of this world, may they strive to live holy and godly lives all their days. Help them to stand firm and not turn from your paths.

Heavenly Father, work in the lives of my grandchildren, so that their faithful lives may be a blessing and bring much joy and gladness to many other people.

Amen

Day 10: Knowing and demonstrating God's love

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:27

"May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance." 2 Thessalonians 3:5

"Delight yourself in the Lord; and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

"But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night." Psalm 1:2

Dear Lord, your love for me is more wonderful than I know how to express. Thank you that this fills my life with joy. May the security and peace I know as a result of your love for me, overflow from me, that my grandchildren will see the wonderful God you are. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

As my grandchildren grow, help them to know how much you love them, and in turn to love you with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. Please help them to hold fast to you with a committed love. Let them understand who you are and what you have done for them. Please help them to know the depth, security and persistence of your wonderful love.

Please also help my grandchildren to know that they are loved by me and others in the family.

May they grow in their capacity to show love to others, because of your love for them and the love of those close to them.

Help them to realise that all the good and wonderful gifts in life are blessings from you because of your great love for them.

As my grandchildren learn new things about you, please help them to love and value your word.

Amen

Day 11: Mentoring our grandchildren

"Train children in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not turn from it."
Proverbs 22:6

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:16

"Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come." Psalm 71:18

"I thank God, who I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers." 2 Timothy 1:3

Father, I ask that you will help me as a grandparent to love and mentor my grandchildren as much as I can by showing and teaching them about having a saving faith in you. Please let me, as a grandparent, leave a strong Christian legacy. Let this be passed down to my grandchildren and, in turn, impact my great grandchildren and generations to come. Please help me to declare your love and power to my grandchildren. Give me the strength I need to do the tasks that you have laid out for me in regards to loving and teaching my grandchildren. Thank you that I have this important purpose and calling from you. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Dear Lord I pray that my grandchildren will long to hear about you and find life-long forgiveness, peace, purpose, fulfilment, wisdom and joy in knowing and following you. May they be your disciples all their life- long.

I pray that in each season of my grandchild's life, there will be friends that will encourage them to love you more and to grow closer in their relationship with you; to be strong in character and more like you Jesus. As they walk through life at every stage, please bless them with good teachers and a godly church family and friends to be Christ like examples. Please bring people into my grandchildren's lives that will remember them often in prayer.

Amen

Day 12: Having good friends and knowing God's protection

"Whoever walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm." Proverbs 13:20

"The righteous are cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray" Proverbs 12:26

"The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore." Psalm 121:5-8

Father God, please guide me in my friendships. May I know friends who bring joy and enable me to grow closer to you and help me to share Jesus with those who don't yet know you. May I would know your protection as you watch over my paths. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

As my grandchildren form friendships in different stages of life, help them to seek you for wisdom. Guide them as they find good friends. Help them to be discerning and please protect them from evil ways. Please lead them to good quality friendships and guard them from dangerous relationships. Please protect them from loneliness and may they always be blessed to have a good friend that brings joy and laughter.

Lord, when it comes to friends, help my grandchildren to find wise and godly friends that love you. May they support them, help them to trust in your truths and guide them closer to you.

Father God, please protect my grandchildren and keep them safe from the dangers of this world. Thank you that you promise to watch over my grandchildren and that you will protect them from physical, mental and spiritual harm throughout their lives. Please guard their life and soul in every step they take.

Thank you that my grandchildren do not have to fear because you are always by their side. Help them to put their trust in you and to experience your protection from all danger. Please be close to them when they are anxious and provide them with your help, strength and the protection of your Holy Spirit.

Amen

Day 13: Sexual purity

"How can the young keep their way pure? By living according to your word." Psalm 119:9

"Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word" Psalm 119:37

"Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins people commit are outside their bodies, but those who sin sexually sin against their own bodies." 1 Corinthians 6:18

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." Isaiah 43:25

Dear Lord, please help me to live life according to your word, for your plan for our lives is perfect. Please help me, especially as a grandparent, to set a good example and safeguard my home from impure influences. May I offer love and support to my grandchildren when they are struggling and may they always feel safe and secure to come to speak to me and to their parents. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Father God, I ask that my grandchildren will stay on the path of purity and follow your word as they navigate through life. May they be careful with what they watch and help them to make good choices as teens and into adulthood. As they interact with other people, help them to treat the opposite sex with respect and purity. Help them to be honourable before you.

Please protect my grandchildren as they encounter situations where there may be opportunities for sexual immorality and help them to turn their back on temptations. Help them to follow you and to avoid placing themselves in situations that would encourage sin.

There may times when my grandchildren will make mistakes but please help them to seek you for a new and pure mind. Help them to experience and understand the depth of your forgiveness and love. May they know that you can wipe all mistakes completely clean and give them a new start whenever they ask for your help and mercy.

Amen

Day 14: Living with integrity

“Similarly, encourage the young to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness, and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.” Titus 2:6-7

“Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you.” Proverbs 4:25

“For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord, but also in the eyes of others.” 2 Corinthians 8:22

Please help me Lord, as a grandparent to walk in righteousness and to be a person of integrity. Help me to follow your principles, even in difficult times, which will set a good example to my grandchildren. May I use my finances with integrity, whether they be little or much, in gratitude for your provision. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

When my grandchildren speak and interact with others, help their words to be sound and true. May their reputation be of the greatest quality so that others have nothing bad to say about them. May they be full of reverence and honour for you God and please help them to be people full of integrity and upright in character.

When it comes to money and finances, please help my grandchildren to be people of integrity. Whether they have a little money or a lot, please help them to be honest in their dealings with others.

When temptations pull my grandchildren, please help them to fix their gaze on you, so that they may not be swayed by the alluring things the world has to offer but find their security in you.

Amen

Day 15: Knowing God's grace and forgiveness

"For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no-one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

"And if it is by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace." Romans 11:6

"Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." 2 Peter 1:2

"We love because he first loved us" 1 John 4:19

Lord God, thank you for the grace and forgiveness you have showered upon me. Please help me to treat my grandchildren as you would with kindness and compassion while at the same time encouraging them to trust in you. Help me to show grace and love when they mess up and forgive them in the way that you do. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Thank you, Lord for your mercy and grace upon my grandchildren. Thank you for your gift of salvation; please help my grandchildren to embrace it and realise that your love and approval do not have to be earned but simply accepted as a free gift.

Heavenly Father, may they experience the abundance of grace and peace that comes from knowing you. Let them know that when they make mistakes, your arms are open wide with forgiveness and mercy, and may they be freed from guilt.

May your grace and forgiveness bring them peace, hope and security all their life long.

Amen

Day 16: Being content

"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances" Philippians 4:11

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength" Philippians 4:12-13

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" Hebrews 13:5

"But godliness with contentment is a great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it." 1 Timothy 6:6-7

Father God, you have provided for my needs, blessed me with your generosity and enriched my life with your love and forgiveness. As a grandparent, please help me to remember this even when times are hard, and to have an attitude of contentment that demonstrates to my grandchildren that I am satisfied and grateful for all you have provided. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Dear God, you are a gracious and generous in your provision to us. Please help my grandchildren to learn that seeking an abundance of possessions doesn't bring lasting happiness. Help them to see that knowing you as their Father, knowing your salvation, love and security and having a strong relationship with you is what brings long lasting contentment. May they be grateful for all you have provided for them and find strength from you to be content in life.

Amen

Day 17: My grandchildren's future

"Then the Lord God said, It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Genesis 2:18

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh" Genesis 2:24

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and lawlessness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" 2 Corinthians 5:14

Thank you, Father that your plans for our lives give us hope for the future. Thank you for your guidance, direction and provision. I pray that I will continue to seek you in all aspects of my life and that I may walk in accordance with your perfect will with you close by my side. May my grandchildren recognise my walk with you. Help me to continue to trust in you for the future. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Lord, thank you that you have good plans for my grandchildren, to guide and direct them in all paths in life, to a secure and fulfilled future. I pray that at the right time they will also be blessed with a loving and supportive spouse. I pray that my grandchildren and their spouse will each have a close personal relationship with you.

May they love you and serve you throughout their married lives. Please help them to enjoy each other's company, hold one another up in prayer and look out for each other with consideration. Help them to be close to you Lord, so that their marriage will always be strong and thriving as they serve you in their lives together wherever you may place them as you unfold your plans for good for them.

Amen

Day 18: Having courage

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

"After they had prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." Acts 4:31

"Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart..." Isaiah 7:4

Heavenly Father thank you that you have promised to be with me wherever I go and that I can experience your presence with me, guiding, directing, helping and protecting me. Grant me the humility to lay my circumstances before you and trust you to guide me in your wisdom and mercy and to be willing to follow you wherever you guide. May I lift my eyes to you to remember who you are and what you have done for me, and be courageous in sharing my faith with my grandchildren and others. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Thank you for your promise to be with my grandchildren. When discouragement creeps in, at whatever stage of life they are at or whatever circumstances they are facing, please give them strength and courage not to be overcome with fear. Please be their helper.

When peer pressure tries to keep my grandchildren from following you, help them to have courage and remember that following you is more important than anything else.

May you grant courage for my grandchildren to speak about you with others and fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they can be bold about their beliefs and your name may be honoured.

Amen

Day 19: Knowing God's faithful presence

"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139:7-10

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

"But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth." 2 Timothy 3:17

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever." John 14:16

Father God I praise you that you are ever present with me, upholding and strengthening me in all the situations. Thank you that your Holy Spirit, the Counsellor dwells within me. Thank you that you, the Creator of the Universe choose to pour your love and care into my life. May I reflect your love and your care to those around me, especially my grandchildren. Help me to entrust these much-loved grandchildren to you Lord, knowing that you will take care of and protect them. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Thank you that your presence is very near to my grandchildren. May they know you by their side in all circumstances and may you fill them with your Holy Spirit. Give them strength to follow you and do what is right. Grant that your Holy Spirit will always protect them and be their helper. Help them to understand, learn more and experience the Holy Spirit's power available to them as they trust in you.

As my grandchildren go through life, may they know you will always be with them. When worrying or discouraging situations arise, please strengthen my grandchildren. Help them to know that your presence will sustain, support and uphold them.

Amen

Day 20: Finding wisdom beyond measure

"My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God."

Proverbs 2:1-5

"Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you." Proverbs 2:11

"Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise." Proverbs 19:20

"Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Ephesians 5:15-18

"God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore." 1 Kings 4:29

Dear Lord, would you help me to look to you for wisdom and understanding, to seek the truth in your word and to be willing to live by your word. Please help me in my Grandparenting role to be able to lovingly lead my grandchildren to listen to your guidance and wisdom as opportunities occur and may they see that your word is the treasure that helps me to know you. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Please help my grandchildren find wisdom through reading the bible and to be receptive to your word. I pray that they will ask you for guidance and seek your truth. I pray that you will give them wisdom beyond measure to make discerning and wise choices and to protect them from dangerous decisions and situations.

Lord, please help my grandchildren to be open to godly advice and counsel, to have listening ears and to know that your word is true.

Thank you that you can give them strength through your Holy Spirit, to stand up to peer pressure and not to be led astray. Amen

Day 21: Able to discern God's will

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise to their own eyes and clever in their own sight. Isaiah 5:20-21

"Teach me knowledge and good judgement, for I believe in your commands." Psalm 119:66

Father God, I praise you that your will is good, pleasing and perfect. Teach me knowledge and good judgement, and may my mind be renewed that I may be able to discern your will. Please help me as a grandparent to follow your ways and be a good example to them at all times helping them to discern truth from falsehood and virtue from vice. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Please help my grandchildren to be able to clearly discern your will and direction for their lives. I pray that you will transform them into who you want them to be.

There are many deceptive people who make evil seem acceptable, please protect my grandchildren from such deception and help them always to be close enough to you and your word so that they understand the difference between good and evil.

Lord you are the ultimate teacher and your truths allow us to have sound judgment in life. Help my grandchildren to trust your commands.

Amen

Day 22: Growing in Godly character

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Philippians 4:8

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

“But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these, anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language from your lips. Colossians 3:8

Dear Lord, I know that I don't always fill my mind with things that are excellent and praiseworthy, please forgive me. Help me to fix my eyes on you and remember how praiseworthy you are. By your grace at work within me, please guard my tongue and behaviour. Please help me as a grandparent to especially be a good example to my grandchildren in my words and behaviour and at all times reflect Jesus in my life. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Please help my grandchildren to think and dwell upon true, right, pure and admirable thoughts. May they grow up to be of noble character whose reputation is known to be honourable and excellent. Help their hearts to overflow with a love for you and let it be evident in their character. May their hope and trust in you remain strong.

Help my grandchildren to honour you with what comes from their mouth. When they speak to others, let their words bring life.

Lord may my grandchildren be filled with your Holy Spirit. Help them to speak the truth, have peace with you and motivate others to follow Jesus. Let them have a heart of reverence for your ways and respect your holy name.

Amen

Day 23: Developing gifts and abilities

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" 1 Peter 4:10

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Ephesians 3:11-12

"His master replied; Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things, come and share your master's happiness." Matthew 25:23

Thank you, Lord that you have equipped me by your grace to serve you and others. Please help me to be faithful in using the gifts you have given to me. Help me in my role as a grandparent, to do whatever I can to walk alongside and nurture the gifts you have given to my grandchildren and encourage them to use their abilities for your glory. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Father God, thank you that you give each one of us special talents and abilities. I pray that my grandchildren will utilise their gifts in the right way, in the right place and with the right people as you direct. Help them to be good stewards of what you have gifted and continue to refine their talents in your strength.

I ask that you will develop their spiritual gifts and may they find many opportunities in the church and beyond to use these gifts to bless others and to honour you.

Amen

Day 24: Having cheerful lives

"A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit." Proverbs 15:13

"Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart." Psalm 97:11

*"The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hopes of the wicked comes to nothing."
Proverbs 10:28*

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, Rejoice!" Philippians 4: 4

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

I praise you Lord God that you have made this day and I will rejoice in it! Help me to lift my eyes to heaven to recognise all that you are and all that you have done for me. May I live to demonstrate a life of thankfulness and rejoicing to my grandchildren and help them to find joy and hope in knowing you Lord Jesus. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Dear God, please help my grandchildren to have a cheerful disposition. I pray that you will help them follow your ways. At times when they do experience sadness, please bring them comfort.

Please may they experience the joy that comes from making decisions based on following the truths in the Bible. Let their hearts be glad because they are followers of you.

May they see that true joy comes from knowing you. Please put the hope of heaven into the heart of my grandchildren and may they in turn be a blessing as they bring joy to others through their words and actions.

Amen

Day 25: Being kind and compassionate

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

"This is what the Lord Almighty says, administer true justice, show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other." Zechariah 7:9-10

Lord you are the source of all compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. It is only through your power at work within me that I can begin to show your mercy and compassion. Please help me as a grandparent to model kindness and compassion in my life and to encourage my grandchildren to be kind and loving to all they meet, especially the lonely and those in need. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Thank you for loving my grandchildren dearly. I pray that you will develop a kind and compassionate heart within them. Help my grandchildren to know that they are forgiven by you Jesus. Lead them to see the depth of your kindness and compassion and help them to extend that toward others.

Just as the Samaritan had a kind and compassionate heart, help my grandchildren to notice and not ignore those in need. Please motivate them to take action by caring for others. Strengthen them to see others through your eyes and to know how to act in a Christ like way.

Amen

Day 26: Enduring patience

"Those who are patient have great understanding, but the quick-tempered display folly".
Proverbs 14:29

"And we urge you, brother and sisters, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone." 1 Thessalonians 5:14

"The end of the matter is better than the beginning, and patience is better than pride."
Ecclesiastes 7:8

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him: do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes." Psalm 37:7

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope." Psalm 130:5

Father God I understand that your timing is perfect. Please develop in me a spirit to display patience in difficult situations and also to be patient in waiting for your timing. Help me to demonstrate to my grandchildren a way of life that includes faith, love, endurance and patience, that I may live a life that is honouring to you. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Dear Lord, grant my grandchildren patience in their interaction with others. Give them grace to be slow to speak and quick to listen and not to lose their temper. When they encounter difficult situations and people, please give them grace and patience with everyone.

Please help my grandchildren to focus well and be conscientious in their work and not to quit because of impatience. Help them to realise that you have good plans for their lives and that when they come to you with prayer requests, they may have to wait for your answers and directions. Help them to give their worries to you and to wait for your answers with patience.

Amen

Day 27: Surrendering to Jesus

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Those who would come after me must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their lives will lose them; but those who lose their lives for me will find them" Matthew 16:24-25

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22

"Submit yourselves then to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7

"As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance." 1 Peter 1:14

Lord and Saviour, I thank you that you have saved me and touched my life daily with your grace and goodness. Help me to stand firm on you, my rock, and hold fast to your word in the way I live my life. As I commit my ways to you Lord, may my life reflect your goodness and mercy showered upon me each day. Amen.

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Lord, please help my grandchildren to commit their ways to you. I pray that they will hand their plans over to you and that you will work for good in their lives.

Please may they actively follow what you say Jesus, desiring to follow you as they hear what you are telling them.

May they actively resist the temptations of the devil with your help. Protect them from evil and please strengthen them as they follow you. As you transform my grandchildren's heart, help them to follow your ways and not get pulled into evil desires or worldly behaviour. Instead, let their allegiance and obedience rest in you Lord and may they follow you in all the situations they will face throughout their lives.

Amen

Day 28: Knowing the peace of Christ

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” John 14:27

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.” 1 Thessalonians 3:16

“Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.” 1 Peter 3:11

Thank you for your promise to fill me with your peace that the world cannot give and which transcends all understanding. Please help me as a grandparent to be at peace with you God and to share that peace with my grandchildren, especially when they experience storms in their hearts and lives. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Dear Lord, you are the Lord of Peace. Please let your Holy Spirit rest on my grandchildren to fill them with your peace, which passes all understanding, in all circumstances. Let your peace be always present, surrounding their heart and mind.

Father God, help them to encourage peace in their relationships and interactions with others. Let them bring your presence and joy into the conversations that they have with other people.

In some circumstances it is very easy to be anxious. Please help my grandchildren to be quick to ask you for help. Let your peace flood their heart and mind as they trust in you. Quiet their souls and provide them with rest.

Amen

Day 29: Having a humble heart

"Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honour and life." Proverbs 22:4

"Let those who boast, boast in the Lord. For it is not those who commend themselves who are approved, but those whom the Lord commends." 2 Corinthians 10:17-18

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." 1 Peter 5:6

"For by the grace given to me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgement..." Romans 12:3

Thank you, Lord God that when we humble ourselves before you, you lift us up in due time. As I experience more of your grace in my life, please help me to be humble, being an encouragement at all times to my grandchildren as I live surrounded by your forgiveness, love, grace, mercy, provision and protection. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Lord Jesus, help my grandchildren to humble themselves before you, acknowledging you as the Lord God. All good things in life come from you and I ask that my grandchildren will always have humble hearts no matter what they achieve. Help them to realise that all their achievements come from you Lord.

It is good to know that when we humble our hearts before you Lord, you will lift us up. May my grandchildren refrain from boasting, but instead return gratitude to you and think of themselves with humility as they recognise your hand of encouragement and blessing upon their lives.

Amen

Day 30: Being faithful

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

"So be careful to do what the Lord your God has commanded you, do not turn aside to the right or the left. Walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you. So that you may live and prosper and prolong the days in the land that you will possess." Deuteronomy 5:32-33

"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands." Deuteronomy 7:9

Lord God you are faithful and you faithfully keep your covenant of love throughout all time and generations. Thank you for your great faithfulness throughout my own life in many ways, please help me to share your faithfulness with my grandchildren to bless them and honour you. Help me to remain faithful to you. Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Father you are faithful. When we make mistakes, you want us to experience your forgiveness and grace. Please help my grandchildren to understand the depth of your mercy and faithfulness to them. Faithful God, please help them to put their hope and trust in you.

Please enable them to trust in you and stay faithful to you throughout their lives, making godly decisions so that their faith will remain strong. Help them to walk with you on the straight paths and not to stray to the right or the left, so that all will be well with them as they are obedient to you.

When various temptations come, help my grandchildren to stand firm and guard their hearts and eyes. Please give them wisdom to avoid situations that encourage temptation. Thank-you Father God for your faithfulness, please protect my grandchildren as they walk with you day by day.

Amen

Day 31: Seeking God's help

"I call on the Lord in my distress, and he answers me." Psalm 120:1

"..in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:6

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save. Psalm 138:7

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me." Psalm 54:4

I thank you Lord that you are my help, the one who sustains me through all the changes in life. Help me to acknowledge you in all I do and to trust you to guide my paths. Help me to be faithful in praying for my grandchildren each day and to share your love with them.

Amen

A Prayer for My Grandchildren:

Thank you that you are always trustworthy, please help my grandchildren to know that whenever they need help they can call on you. Lord, you promise that if we trust in you and not in our own understanding, you will direct our paths. Please help my grandchildren as they grow, to seek your help and guidance through life and to know your direction.

Lord God, when troubles come, I pray that you will protect my grandchildren physically, spiritually and mentally. Please save them from danger and preserve their lives. Thank you that you are there to help them when discouragement comes and that you are the refuge and shelter for my grandchildren at all times.

May they know your ever-present help throughout their lives.

Amen

12 Faith Sharing Ideas

When we have the opportunity to spend time with our grandchildren, it is very precious. It's a time to let them know that we love them and want to hear what they have to say. We can be ready to listen so that we might understand how they are feeling and hear what is happening in their lives. It's also good to think about ways we might lovingly share our faith with them, where our family circumstances allow. We can think of ideas where every day moments can be opportunities to share some of the wonderful truths of the gospel that bring hope, purpose, joy, love, forgiveness, a saving faith, security and meaning into our lives. These themes and truths can be adapted for all ages – it's possible and relevant, whatever our age, to marvel at God's universe and his desire to both create and maintain that, whilst also caring about every aspect of our lives! Here are some ideas we can consider:

1. Take a walk together in the countryside or on the seashore and gaze at the beautiful creation we see around us. You might wish to collect some autumn leaves and marvel at the colours God created, or collect seashells and observe how amazingly different and intricate they all are. Did God need to create such a beautiful world, or could he have made it black and white or less intricate? How awesome is God to give us such beauty all around us, lavishing his love on us in that way.
2. Look at the night sky together and remember that God created the earth but also the stars, moon and all the universe! He created and sustains all that! Yet he cares about you and me and everything about our lives! What an awesome God!
3. Share an inspirational book together such as 'How Great is Our God' by Louie Giglio full of short stories that help us to wonder at the incomparable greatness of our God. Suitable for 5-11 years. If you don't live close by to your grandchildren, why not buy a copy for each of you and share it over facetime? Might you and a teenage or adult grandchild each read a faith inspiring, age-relevant book and then share together about it?
4. Tell a bible story that has a meaning that would be helpful to them at the time and then see if you can retell the story together with lego – you could take still shots or a video of the story you produced. Or you might make models with play dough etc to retell stories.
5. Use interactive play with water to tell bible stories such as Jesus calming the storm – great to do with little ones, with water and toy boats and plenty of waves and storm production contrasting with the stillness following 'Peace, be

still'. Think how we can know God's peace at all times in our lives, know that Jesus is with us and we need not be afraid. If there are a few of you, act it out with blue fabric for the waves, chairs for the boat. Think of and read parables you could re-enact together – the lost sheep, the house on the rock etc. Google a video of this before-hand (check it out for suitability for their age and understanding) to look at together afterwards.

6. Talk about how God forgives us when we let him and others down. Think of how we have let God down so much that we shouldn't be able to come close to him, but because of that, God sent Jesus on a rescue mission to save us from all the wrong that we do. He did this when Jesus died on the cross and rose again, so that God can forgive us and bring us back to himself again. Relate it to rescue services today. Use toy helicopters and boats and lego/playmobil type figures to bring the rescuer in the helicopter to rescue the person who is separated and needing help in the boat. Just like the person needed rescuing from the trouble they were in at sea, so we needed a rescuer from all the bad things we do and Jesus came on a rescue mission to do just that for us.
7. Why not encourage older children to help you in the garden and to take responsibility for part of it, sharing over time about God's wonderful creation and our responsibility to care for the amazing world he created for us.
8. Share a hobby with an older grandchild – marvel at the gift they have in being able to do that hobby, and in the patience, endurance they have – qualities and gifts given to them by God. How could they use these gifts for him?
9. Ask an older grandchild to help you record some of the special memories about your life – some written, some recorded. Let them use their technology skills! Share with them how God helped you, influenced you in these various moments in your life.
10. At any age, chat in an age-appropriate way about names. Tell them what their name means. Talk about how God has many names – 'I am' sayings; the Good Shepherd; the Light of the World; the Prince of Peace; the Bread of Life. Talk of how wonderful these different aspects of God have been to you. Create a picture/bookmark/card of one that speaks to them.
11. Have a sing-song! There are lots of wonderful songs that speak of God's love and wonderful character and these often remain with us throughout our lives. Make flags or streamers to wave together as you sing them and dance or play them on instruments with older children! Try adding a verse of your own together! Make a list of family favourite Christian songs. Play them the praise songs they loved when they were younger!

12. Consider taking on a project together to support a Christian Charity or Missionary – what would help them? Think of raising money, writing to them, praying for them, promoting their work. How about a trip to serve in the charity for a short time with older grandchildren?

Underpin all this with an assurance that they are loved unconditionally, accepted and precious to you. Let them know that you are always there for them and to listen to them. As you meet with them or telephone them, ask the grandchildren what they are doing in the days ahead, and let them know that you will be praying for them. Then follow that up and ask how things went and give thanks for the help God gave them and pray for the things that are ongoing. It's good to use the time we share with them well, and for the children to see God's grace in our lives. Bless them as you pray for them and may the Lord bless you as you share with and love your grandchildren through all the stages, joys and challenges of life.

Prayer

Dear Lord, please help me to be creative and wise in the way I spend time with my grandchild(ren), that they may see your love and grace in me. Help me to discern how I can best relate to them the wonderful truths of your Word. May they be assured of my love for them and come to know of your love which is greater still. Enable me to grow in serving you in this way and may my grandchildren come to a living faith in you as their Saviour and Lord. Please guide me Lord, and fill me with your grace, day by day, for your name's sake. Amen.

Further Prayer Support

As Moulton Parish Church seeks to support Christian grandparents, we hope you have found this devotional material helpful and that your prayers are a real blessing to you and to your grandchildren.

Whatever situation you are in, you can pray to God and He will hear you. However, it is often comforting to know that others are committed to praying for you too, either because you can't find the words yourself or because you would find it helpful to know that others are standing with you through difficult times and praying for you. You are invited to send your prayer requests at any time to our dedicated prayer email at prayer@moultonchurch.co.uk. Your prayer requests will be circulated to our team of prayer warriors who will pray as soon as possible in accordance with your request. Please be reassured that your prayer requests will be treated confidentially.

We believe that when we pray, God moves. You may find it encouraging to make a note below of answered prayers as well as share these answers on the same dedicated prayer email and/or with our church leaders.