

Prayers of Intercession – Day for Life – October 2nd 2022

On this Day for Life, we make our prayer for all our needs and, in particular, for the needs of older people in our society.

1. We pray for Francis our Pope that, as he experiences something of the physical frailty of old age, he may be strengthened in body, mind and spirit, to be able to complete the mission entrusted to him by God. Lord hear us.
2. We pray for our older parishioners that, in a fast-changing world, they may continue to have confidence in the faithful love of God and bear witness to that love in our families and in our Church. Lord hear us.
3. We give thanks for the human and spiritual gifts of our older relatives and neighbours. May we who are younger have the wisdom to recognise those gifts and benefit from them. Lord hear us.
4. We pray for people in our community who experience isolation and loneliness in old age that, as we seek to respond to their physical, emotional and spiritual needs, they may know that they are loved and not forgotten. Lord hear us.
5. Our grandparents understood the value of things and the healing power of the natural world. Help us to rediscover our capacity to live respectfully and gently in the midst of created nature. Lord hear us.
6. We pray for all who are coming to the end of life's journey that they may be sustained in the face of death by their hope in the resurrection of the dead. Lord hear us.

Eternal God, you are the source of all life and in your light, we see light. Open our eyes to see that everything is connected, and help us to value in a new way the dignity of older people and their place in our society. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.