**Grandparents Prayer**

**Composed for the Catholic Grandparents Association**

**by his Holiness Pope Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI**

**Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary,the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.**

**Look with love on grandparents the world over.Protect them! They are a source of enrichment**

**for Families, for the church and for all of society.Support Them! As they grow older,**

**may they continue to be for their familiesstrong pillars of Gospel faith,**

**guardians of noble domestic ideals,living treasuries of sound religious traditions.**

**Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,that they may pass on to future generations the**

**fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.**

**Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents.**

**May they never be ignored or excluded,but always encounter respect and love.**

**Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.**

**Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care,**

**accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may**

**one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great**

**embrace of life without end. Amen!**

**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**