

*July 26 is the Memorial Day
of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne,
parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus*

Join with us in preparation for the celebration of the Memorial Day by praying this Novena in honor of our heavenly Patrons. Each day we will pray about a different aspect of our lives as Grandparents and Grandchildren, pray one 'Our Father', one 'Hail Mary', one 'Glory Be' and Pope Benedict's Prayer for Grandparents. We conclude by asking for the intercession of St. Joachim and St. Anne.

Day 1

Today we pray for the Universal Church



*For Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious and Laity

*For Vocations

*That the vocation of Grandparents to pass on the faith is recognized and honored by all.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be . . .Prayer for Grandparents. St. Joachim and Saint Anne pray for us

Day 2

Today we pray for our Families



*

That their homes become places of prayer and centers of spiritual formation.

*For the healing of divisions and misunderstandings.

That our homes reflect our faith, hope and love.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be . . .Prayer for Grandparents. St. Joachim and Saint Anne pray for us

Day 3

Today we pray for our Grandparents alive and in Heaven



*In thanksgiving for what they have done for us and continue to do – in handing down to us the precious gift of faith.

*That they may be encouraged, valued and in good health.

*That they have courage and continue to grow in their own spiritual lives.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be . . . Prayer for Grandparents. St. Joachim and Saint Anne pray for us

Day 4

Today we pray for ourselves



*That we deepen our own personal lives of faith as role models and evangelizers.

*That we remain steadfast and encouraged in our vocation as Catholic Grandparents.

*That we be filled with peace, love and grace.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be . . . Prayer for Grandparents. St. Joachim and St. Anne pray for us

Day 5

Today we pray for our Educators/ Leaders



*For our teachers, catechists and everyone who has helped bring us to this point in our spiritual lives.

*Pray for people of faith and those who have no faith that they're renewed in the love, peace and mercy of Jesus.

*That our legislators make wise decisions that fosters peace and goodwill in our communities.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be . . . Prayer for Grandparents. St. Joachim and St. Anne pray for us

Day 6

Today we pray for our Elderly



- *That they may have peace of mind always
- *That those who are depressed, lonely and bereaved may find comfort
- *That those who care for the elderly and sick – have hearts and hands of love

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be . . . Prayer for Grandparents. St. Joachim and St. Anne pray for us

Day 7

Today we pray for our Grandchildren



- *That they may always feel our love and prayers, especially those in most need.
- *For those who are separated from us by distance or disagreement
- *That they're filled with God's grace from the Sacraments and friendship of Jesus.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be . . . Prayer for Grandparents. St. Joachim and St. Anne pray for us

Day 8

Today we pray for our own personal intentions



*

- For those intentions deep in our hearts . . . for family, friends, neighbors.
- *That we may be forgiven for any hurt we may have caused and that we forgive those who have hurt us.
- *That our homes become domestic churches full of prayer, love and peace.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be . . . Prayer for Grandparents. St. Joachim and St. Anne pray for us

Day 9

Today we pray for our loved ones in Heaven



*For those who have no one to pray for them.

*Our own Grandparents, for all they have given us and meant to us.

Gratitude for the gift of prayer and intercession, blessings and graces.

For our gift of faith that sustains us in times of joy and sorrow. For strength and courage to pass on our gift.

That July 26 will become a “World Day of Prayer” for Grandparents.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be . . .Prayer for Grandparents. St. Joachim and St. Anne pray for us



**The Memorial of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, July 26
Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, Bless all Families**