

Novena for Life

Day 8 – The Elderly

Leader: In the Name of the Father + Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. Our Father...

Leader: “The righteous flourish like the palm tree. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the Lord is upright.” Psalm 92: 12-15

Leader: Let us pray.

Father, we thank you that your faithfulness is from age to age and that therefore the promise to the elderly that they shall bear fruit even in old age stands forever.

May your church ever encourage the elderly to continue to live fruitful lives in performing the role of grandparents and volunteers in society. In this way, may they grow old gracefully and be appreciated by all as a repository of wisdom and experience, a true wealth of the nations. We pray that as a society we shall always be welcoming and supportive of the elderly, bearing one another’s burdens as St. Paul counsels us and so fulfil the law of Christ. (Gal 6:2) We pray for our government too, our Prime Minister, our premiers and all in authority that they may promote life, not only of the elderly but the life of the baby in the womb. The life of the young, the poor and the vulnerable in our society. We pray for hospitals and nursing homes and for the healing, restorative, merciful work they undertake. Bless Father, we pray, the hands and minds of doctors, nurses and chaplains. May they ever be and see themselves to be-channels of your healing and peace. And we pray for all who work within the justice system of our country, our police officers, our lawyers and judges, our parole officers and prison staff. May they be agents of your justice, seeking the maintenance of law and order in our society and the healing and restoration of the victims of crime and the reform and restoration of offenders to their rightful place in society. We ask all of these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

Prayer to Celebrate the Gospel of Life