

With some years of experience the Praying Grandmothers offer these guidelines for others who might form a similar ministry:

- 1) Announce plans to start a Grandmothers' Prayer Group at church or school.
- 2) Select a leader and meeting place.
- 3) Pray together on a regular basis.
- 4) Create a roster of grandmothers, children, and grandchildren. Include the ages of the grandchildren.
- 5) Consider creating posters with pictures of grandchildren to display at meetings.
- 6) Pray for the grandchildren — trusting that a loving heavenly Father hears and answers prayers and is able to protect and keep them.
- 7) Share praise reports, concerns, and prayer requests at the meetings. Then follow a format of praising God, silently confessing sins, thanking him for answered prayer, and interceding on behalf of the grandchildren.
- 8) Pray scriptures the leader has selected for the grandchildren and yourselves as grandmothers.
- 9) Pray specifically for grandchildren; pray from the heart.
- 10) Encourage absent grandmothers to text, email, or call the leader with prayer requests.
- 11) Ask grandchildren and their parents for prayer requests when appropriate.
- 12) Begin and end meetings in a timely manner.
- 13) Emphasize the importance of confidentiality.
- 14) Reserve a few moments for silent prayers before closing meetings.
- 15) Announce dates of the next two meetings at the close of the prayer meeting.
- 16) Pray for each other's grandchildren even when apart and encourage one another.
- 17) If a prayer request is urgent, email the group asking for prayer or call a grandmother on the phone.
- 18) Consider creating additional Grandmothers' Prayer Groups if members exceed 10.

Our Primary Hope and Prayers for Our Grandchildren

- 1) to have a personal relationship with Christ
- 2) to serve Christ
- 3) to love and become doers of God's Word
- 4) to see God's presence in their lives and understand who they are in Christ
- 5) to understand God's glorious plan of salvation
- 6) to make wise choices and decisions
- 7) to be responsible people of character and integrity
- 8) to develop an attitude of thankfulness
- 9) to develop positive relationships with family, friends, teachers, coaches, employers, future spouses
- 10) to be protected from evil: spiritually, emotionally, physically, mentally
- 11) to resist the temptations of the world
- 12) to develop self-control
- 13) to be disciplined and motivated.
- 14) to grasp Jeremiah 29:11-12: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans

for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and I will listen to you.”

15) to see the love of the Lord being passed on from generation to generation.

Scriptures for Grandchildren

1) Jeremiah 29:11-13

“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 to me and pray to me and find me when you seek with all your heart.”

2) John 14:6

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

3) Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your path straight.”

4) James 1:22

“Be doers of the Word and not hearers only.”

5) Philippians 4:8

“Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think on these things.”

6) Mark 12:30

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.”

7) John 10:17

“My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.”

8) Psalm 138:8

“The Lord will fulfill his purpose for my life.”

9) Proverbs 12:26

“The righteous man is cautious in friendship.”

10) Psalm 143:10

“Teach me to do your will; for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”

11) Isaiah 40:31

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings of eagles. They will run and not grow weary, walk and not faint.”

12) Galatians 5:22-23

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

13) Hebrews 3:1

“Fix your thoughts on Jesus.”

14) 2 Timothy 1:7

“For God did not give you a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love, or self-discipline.”

15) James 1:5

“If any of you lack wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously.”

16) 1 Peter 5-7

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

17) Joshua 1:9

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord will go with you wherever you go.”

18) Philippians 3:15

“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

19) 2 Corinthians 10:5

“ We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

20) Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.”

21) Exodus 20:6

“But I lavish my love on those who love me and obey my commands, even for a thousand generations.”

22) Romans 12:2

“Don’t conform to the world; be transformed by God.”

Scriptures for Grandmothers

1) Proverbs 17:6

“Children’s children are the crown of the aged”

2) Isaiah 44:3

“I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.”

3) Matthew 18:19

“If two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by my Father who is in heaven.”

4) Psalm 78:4,7

“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done...then they would put their trust in God.”

5) Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

6) Psalm 71-17

“Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare your strength to this generation.”

7) Psalm 119:90

“Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations.”

8) Psalm 34:4

“I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.”

9) Hebrews 12:2

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.”

10) Romans 12:12

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

11) James 5:16

“Pray for one another.”

12) Psalm 61:2

“When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I.”

13) Colossians 3:12

“Put on, as God’s chosen ones, compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

14) 2 Timothy 1:12

“ I know whom I have believed and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him.”

15) Jeremiah 32:17

“Nothing is too hard for God.”

16) Galatians 6:2

“ Carry each other’s burdens and in this way fulfill the law of Christ.”

17) 3 John 4

“I have no greater joy than to hear my children are walking in the truth.”

18) Ephesians 3:20

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.”

19) Psalm 37:7

“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.”

20) Hebrews 2:13

“I will put my trust in Him.”

21) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“ Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

22) Philippians 4:6

“ Don’t fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.”

Tips for Grandmothers

- 1) Love grandchildren unconditionally.
- 2) Ask God to provide opportunities to share your faith with your grandchildren.
- 3) Encourage grandchildren to select a personal favorite verse from the scripture, e.g., “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
- 4) Read from Proverbs after a meal.
- 5) Become great listeners of grandchildren.
- 6) Text encouraging words to grandchildren before a test or a special event. Let them know you are praying for them.
- 7) Remind grandchildren how much they mean to you; how much you love and accept them.
- 8) Prepare favorite foods for your grandchildren.
- 9) Take them to lunch and enjoy a special outing together.
- 10) Encourage grandchildren to develop the gifts God has given them.

- 11) Communicate with grandchildren in a gentle, compassionate manner.
- 12) Be their prayer warrior praying specifically and intentionally for them.
- 13) Create a book of your favorite Bible verses for your grandchildren.
- 14) When grandchildren come to mind, send up “flash prayers” on their behalf. God is always available.
- 15) Remind grandchildren that God has a plan for their lives
- 16) Offer to babysit your grandchildren so their parents can have an evening out and strengthen their marriage.
- 17) Be careful to show no favoritism.
- 18) Consider letting your legacy be standing in the gap for your grandchildren through prayer.

Resources for Grandmothers

The Grandmothers Bible

Zondervan 2008

Grandparenting With a Purpose

Lillian Penner 2015

Grandma, I Need Your Prayers

Quin Sherrer & Ruthanne Garlock 2002

Living the Lois Legacy

Helen Hosier 2002

Blessing the Next Generation

Marilyn Hickey & Sarah Bowling 2008

Extreme Grandparenting

Dr. Tim & Darcy Himmel 2007

My Grandmother Is Praying For Me

K. March P., Ferriss S., & Kelton 2009