



A Prayer of Thanksgiving for Older Adults

Can be prayed by the pastor or worship leader or in unison by the congregation.

God of all the seasons of life, we thank you for the older adults who live among us, reminding us of the seasons of age and experience, reminding us of the necessity of enjoying each day as your gift, and offering us perspective, courage, peace, and a vision of what it means to age with grace.

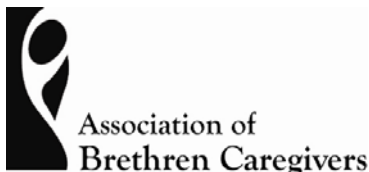
We recognize today that each of these dear brothers and sisters who live in our midst is a vital part of this family of faith, but that too seldom do we tell them of our gratitude. So we offer to them and to you our confession of that lapse and the loss we thus have sustained.

Now as we anticipate your grace, we also anticipate the grace of our ongoing journey with them. May we share with them our strength and eagerness and vision. May we learn from them dreams and wisdom and bravery. May we delight in each other. May we tell one another our own stories as they fit together into the story of your purposes and your kingdom on earth and in heaven.

May we simply hold hands with one another, creating ties that will bind us into the great communion of saints who have been, who are, and who are yet to be!

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*--Adapted from a prayer by Sonja Griffith
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