



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandchildren share their heart this Grandparent's Day, September 12th, 2021. Although some of you will receive this from someone who is not related to you, know that you hold a special place in their heart and feel like family to them! Don't wait on the grands to call you on Grandparent's Day. Take the lead and love well!

Thank you for your guidance and knowledge. Learning from you has made me a better person.

Thank you for loving me unconditionally and for building a family of fun, love, kindness, and generosity.

Thank you for your stories and memories. I cherish the times we spend together.

Thank you for supporting me by coming to or asking me about the events in my life.

Thank you for the smiles and joy that you bring to everyone around you.

Thank you for reflecting the love of Jesus in your daily life and leading in prayer at our family gatherings.

Thank you for your words of encouragement, spoken and written, through the years.

Thank you for being just a phone call away.

There's a neat story in the Bible where we see grandparents showering their grandchildren with love. When Laban's grandchildren were moving away from where he lived, he asked, "What can I do this day for these my daughters or for their children whom they have borne?" ([Genesis 31:43](#)). "Early in the morning Laban arose and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them" ([Genesis 31:55](#)).

Did you see that? He *kissed* them and *blessed* them! Oh, to be able to kiss the faces of our grandchildren and great grandchildren! And the powerful words of BLESSING are a longing of every grandchild! Pray "the blessing" on your grandchildren. Pray your grandchildren will have an undivided heart after God and be a godly influence on their generation. Colossians 1:9-14 is another good passage to pray for them. Pray the priestly blessing from Numbers 6:24-26 over them as you end a letter to them or as they depart from your home:

May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

May the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Lord, thank You for our grandparents, those who are like grandparents to us, and those we look up to. You said to Your disciples, "I am with you always." We pray they will feel Your presence in the fun days and the hard days. Keep them hopeful and joyful no matter what may come. With gratitude and blessing we thank You for each day with our loved ones. In the powerful name of Jesus, AMEN

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