

## Praying with our Grandparent

### **Leader**

As our lighted candle is carried by a grandparent let us sing our opening hymn.

### **Hymn:**

### **Leader**

This morning we want to say a very warm welcome to the grandparents who have gathered here with us. For some of you it is your first visit to our school, for others it's a daily visit to school to collect your grandchild or grandchildren. We also remember the grandparents who cannot be with us, those who could not travel, those who live far away, those who are sick, either in hospital or at home, and those who are with God in heaven. They are all in our thoughts wherever they are this morning.

### **A Special Kind of Love** (*Grandparents Association, Knock*)

There's a special kind of love,  
that grand-children have for their Grandparents.  
It's filled with respect for their wisdom and accomplishments;  
with gratitude for the values they've given us-  
with delight in the stories of our family that they remember and share.  
It's a special kind of love that's built on a lifetime of caring and giving  
It's the kind of love that's felt for you, my dear grandparent,  
today and always.

### **Scripture** *Mark 6:1-6*

### **Leader**

As we come together to celebrate the gift of our grandparents we remember that today is the feast of St. Blaise. We know that St. Blaise was a doctor before he joined the priesthood and was later made a bishop. We are told that he once saved a young boy who was choking. That is why today we receive a special blessing, asking St. Blaise to protect us from all ailments of the throat. This blessing is a sign of our belief and our faith in God's protection and love for us. The candles used were blessed yesterday, on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

### **Blessing**

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Leader**

We now bring our prayers to the Lord.

- 1 We pray for all those here present: our teachers, the staff, and members of our family. We give thanks to Jesus for the love they share with us. *Lord, hear us.*
- 2 We pray for our parents and grandparents who love us and care for us. We ask you to care for them and protect them for us in your love. *Lord, hear us.*
- 3 We give you thanks for our teachers here in the school. Give them the gifts they need to teach us each day. Bless them with the gifts of your love, your patience and your understanding. *Lord, hear us.*
- 4 Bless all children everywhere, those here in our school, in our families and across the world. May all children learn to share the love of Jesus with one another. *Lord, hear us.*
- 5 We remember those who are sadly no longer with us. We ask Jesus to bless them, as they live forever with the saints in your heavenly kingdom. *Lord, hear us.*

**Leader**

We place all our prayers spoken aloud and in the silence of our hearts before our loving God as we pray...

**Our Father****Final Blessing**

As we draw our celebration to a close we will pray our blessing together.

Let us this morning, dear Jesus, bless young and old

Bless all those who are no longer with us, or in far away places

Bless our friends who have to come to join us here in Ireland

Bless their families who are far away this morning

Bless us with your love to share with our families, our friends, and all those here in our school.

**Hymn** Christ be our Light *Alive O* 7, p283