

National Weekend of Prayer and Action for Elder Justice

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

June 9-11, 2023

Observing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)
Thursday, June 15, 2023

A Celebration of Older Adults

We pray for a gentle and vigorous blessing upon the older adults in our congregation this morning. We give thanks for the older people who live and worship with us, who reveal for us the seasons of age and experience, offer us a new perspective, inspire us with courage and strength, and show us what it means to age with purpose and grace. We recognize today that older adults are a vital part of this family of faith, and that we tell them of our gratitude too seldom.

May we share with them our strength and eagerness and vision. May we learn from their dreams and wisdom and bravery. May they feel empowered by the knowledge that their lives are vital to the future of our world. May we delight in each other. May we simply hold hands with one another, creating ties that will bind us in community!

(Source: Adapted from a prayer by Sonja Griffith)

A Prayer for Those Experiencing Elder Abuse

This morning we pray especially for those who are experiencing elder abuse in our families, congregation, and community. May they know that they are not alone. May they know that they do not deserve to be isolated or exploited. May they know that they are loved. May they know that we are here to help. We pray for justice for all individuals, families, congregations, and communities that are harmed by elder abuse.

A Prayer for Justice and an End to Violence

On this special weekend of prayer and action for elder justice, we pray for the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice.

We ask to become more aware.

We pray for the strength to hear those whose voices are silenced.

We pray for the courage to speak out against abuse of older adults.

We pray for the moral conviction to call elder abuse a sin.

Prompt us not to look away,

Remind us not to forget,

Provoke us to action.

Until every older adult is respected,

Until every older adult receives the loving care they deserve,

May we work to end elder abuse,

May we work to end all forms of abuse,

May abuse find no place in our families or communities,

May abuse find no place in our hearts,

For there is no excuse for abuse.

(Source: Adapted from Jon Humphries)

