

## Senior Recognition Sunday Suggested Sermon Outlines

### “Seasoned Saints: Learning How to Find Peace” (Philippians 4:4-7)

- I. About Seasoned Saints
  - a. Share statistics about senior citizens.
  - b. Share how age and wisdom often go together.
- II. Rejoice! (v. 4) Seasoned saints...
  - a. Had to learn the difference between happiness and joy.
  - b. Learned to rejoice in all situations.
- III. Be Gentle and Kind (v.5) Seasoned saints...
  - a. Have learned how to be even-tempered.
  - b. Have learned to be accepting of others.
- IV. Pray About It! (v. 6) Seasoned saints have learned how to...
  - a. Not worry about everything.
  - b. Go to God in prayer about everything.
- V. Peace! (v. 7) Seasoned saints have learned how to
  - a. Rejoice always!
  - b. Be even-tempered.
  - c. Pray about everything.
  - d. Find the peace of God.

### “Dealing with Life’s Problems” (Psalm 27)

- I. About Seasoned Saints
  - a. Share statistics about senior citizens.
  - b. Share about their special problems/needs.
- II. Overcoming Fear (v. 1)
  - a. God’s “light” overcomes the darkness of our fears.
  - b. Knowing that God is our salvation overcomes our fears.
- III. Our Stronghold
  - a. God is all powerful and all knowing. (v. 1b)
  - b. God is our protector amidst our fears and against our enemies (vv. 1b-3)
  - c. God is our shelter in troubled times. (v. 5)
- IV. Rejoicing in God’s Provision
  - a. God blesses us even amidst actions of our enemies. (v. 6)
  - b. Seasoned saints have mastered waiting on God’s provision. (v. 14)



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### Overview: What Is Senior Recognition Sunday?

**The National Faith-Based Mobilization Network’s (Faith MoNet) Senior Recognition Sabbath Sunday** is part of a national faith day recognizing the special contributions of our state’s senior citizens and highlighting a major health and wellness issue for persons 65 and older. For 2017, we focus on Medicare Advantage Plans. Faith MoNet encourages houses of worship and faith/community collaborators to conduct senior recognition awareness and education activities on Senior Recognition Sunday 2017 or another date between September 10 and December 3, 2017. **#SRS2017**

### Facts about Senior Citizens in the United States

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

#### **6.2 million**

The number of people who were 65 and older in the United States on July 1, 2014. This group accounted for 14.5 percent of the total population. The 65 and older population grew from 44.7 million in 2013.

#### **98.2 million**

Projected population of people 65 and older in 2060. People in this age group would comprise nearly one in four U.S. residents at that time. Of this number, 19.7 million would be 85 or older.

#### **2.4 million**

Projected number of baby boomers in 2060. At that time, the youngest baby boomers would be 96 years old.

#### **2033**

The year in which, for the first time, the population 65 and older would outnumber people younger than 18 in the U.S.

#### **9.4 million**

Estimated number of people 65 and older who were veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2014.

## Medicare Open Enrollment

**When's the Medicare Open Enrollment Period?** Every year, Medicare's open enrollment period is **October 15 - December 7**.

**What's the Medicare Open Enrollment Period?** Medicare health and drug plans can make changes each year—things like cost, coverage, and what providers and pharmacies are in their networks. October 15 to December 7 is when all people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for the following year to better meet their needs.

**How do people know if they need to change plans?** People in a Medicare health or prescription drug plan should always review the materials their plans send them, like the "Evidence of Coverage" (EOC) and "Annual Notice of Change" (ANOC). If their plans are changing, they should make sure their plans will still meet their needs for the following year. If they're satisfied that their current plans will meet their needs for next year and it's still being offered, they don't need to do anything.

**When can people get information about next year's Medicare plans?**

Information for next year's plans will be available beginning in October.

**Where can people find Medicare plan information or compare plans?**

1-800-MEDICARE or <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/Partnerships/FaithBased.html>.

## Responsive Reading (taken from NKJV)

Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you. (Isaiah 46:4)

**The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it found in the way of righteousness. (Proverbs 16:31)**

Wisdom is with aged men, and with length of days, understanding? (Job 12:12)

**And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the Lord spoke this Word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. "As yet I am as strong this day as I was on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and coming in. (Joshua 14:10-11)**

"With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." (Psalm 91:16)

**I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken nor his descendants begging bread. (Psalm 37:25)**

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalms 51:10)

**They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing; to declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. (Psalm 92:14-15)**

## Litany

Adapted from **Litany 78 "Elder Saints"** in the *Total Praise: Songs and Other Worship Resources for Every Generation* – Sunday School Publishing Board

**Leader: Lord of all generations, we extol Your name for the unique blessings found in our seniors, the elder saints among us.**

People: We extol Your name.

**Leader: Thank You for the repository of wisdom You have placed in those who walk in the way of righteousness.**

People: Thank You for their wisdom.

**Leader: Thank You for the lessons they teach from their Life experiences, lessons that help us to navigate the twists and turns of life, lessons about marriage, lessons about rearing children, and lessons about letting go.**

People: Thank You for the lessons they teach.

**Leader: Lord, we thank You for the lessons that they have taught us concerning the ups and downs of life, lessons that teach us how to handle the victories and survive the failures of life.**

People: Thank You for our elder saints.

**Leader: We cherish the stories of their yesterdays when their faith in You was young and untried, and the encouragement we gain from their faith of today that is tried and true. We appreciate their willingness to share their stories.**

People: We thank You for their faith stories.

**Leader: We thank You for their never-dying faith in You, that shows us how not to give up, regardless of what life brings.**

People: We thank You for their faith.

**Leader: Lord, thank You for the elder saints who credit grace for their past and know that grace is the means of their future.**

**All: Lord, how we thank You for the elder saints among us!**

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