

ancestors

people from whom
you are descended,
such as your
great-grandparents

avoided

kept away from; kept
out of the way of

generations

periods of about thirty
years, or the time from
the birth of one
generation to the birth
of the next generation

minister

member of the clergy;
spiritual guide;
pastor

numerous

very many

pulpit

platform or raised
structure in a church
from which the
minister preaches

shielding

protecting; defending