

## **RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

### **SAMPLE INTERCESSIONS**

**Bishop:** My dear friends:  
let us be one in prayer to God our Father  
as we are one in the faith, hope, and love his Spirit gives.

#### **Deacon or minister:**

1. For these sons and daughters of God,  
now confirmed by the gift of the Spirit,  
that they give witness to Christ  
by lives built on faith and love:  
let us pray to the Lord.
2. For the parents and godparents of these newly-confirmed,  
who have led them thus far by faith,  
that by word and example they may continue  
always to encourage them in  
following the way of Jesus Christ:  
let us pray to the Lord.
3. For the holy Church of God,  
in union with Benedict, our pope,  
Terry, our bishop, and all the bishops,  
that God, who gathers us together by the Holy Spirit,  
may help us grow in unity of faith and love  
until his Son returns in glory:  
let us pray to the Lord.
4. For men and women,  
of every race and nation,  
that they may acknowledge the one God as Father,  
and in the bond of their common heritage:  
promote the dignity and sanctity of all human life  
from conception to natural death,  
and together seek out his kingdom,  
which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit:  
let us pray to the Lord.

5. For an increase of laborers in the Lord's vineyard,  
that one with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
in whose company the Apostles received the Holy Spirit,  
those now discerning their vocations in life  
will grow in their ability to recognize the Lord's call  
and respond with generous hearts:  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Bishop:** God our Father,  
you sent your Holy Spirit upon the apostles,  
and through them and their successors  
you give the Spirit to your people.  
May this work begun at Pentecost  
continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.