

CONFIRMATION

The bishop prays the confirmation prayer

Almighty and everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ was crucified and rose again
to break the power of sin and death:
We give you thanks and praise for the gift of your Holy Spirit
by whom your servants have been born again
and made your children.
Grant that in the power of the same Holy Spirit
they may continue to grow
in the knowledge and likeness of Christ;
increase in them your gracious gifts,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgment and inward strength,
the spirit of knowledge and godly living;
and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of reverence for you.

*Those to be confirmed kneel before the bishop, who shall lay his hand upon
the head of each one, saying*

Confirm . . . , O Lord, with your heavenly grace,
that *he/she* may continue to be yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until *he/she* comes to your eternal kingdom.

ORDINATION

Here the bishop lays hands on the head of each candidate and says

pour out your Holy Spirit upon . . .
for the office and work of a deacon in your Church.

The bishop having laid hands on all of them, continues

Fill *them* with grace and power that *they* may fulfil *their* ministry.

Pour out your Spirit, Lord.

Make *them* faithful to serve,
ready to teach,
constant in advancing your Gospel,
proclaiming by word and action the word of salvation

with full assurance of faith,
abounding in hope
and rooted and grounded in love.

Pour out your Spirit, Lord.

Grant *them* wisdom and discipline to work faithfully
with *their* fellow-servants in Christ,
continuing strong and steadfast in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pour out your Spirit, Lord.

Accept our prayers, most merciful Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and your Holy Spirit,
belong glory and honour, worship and praise,
now and for ever. Amen.

:Ge 2:6.

-- ⁷ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and **breathed**
into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸

Ge 25:8.

Abraham **breathed** his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of
years, and was gathered to his people.

Mt 27:50.

⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and **breathed** his last.

:Jn 20:22.

²² When he had said this, he **breathed** on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy
Spirit.

:2Ti 3:16.

^{2Ti 3:16} pa'sa grafh; qeovpneusto" kai; wjfevlimo" pro;" didaskalivan, pro;"
ejlegmovn, pro;" ejpanovrqwsin, pro;" paideivan th;n ejn dikaiosuvnh/,

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¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for
correction, and for training in righteousness,