

pray

God's Kind and Generous Love

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: As the day of Confirmation approaches, let us listen to God's Word and pray for one another.

. . . Paul traveled through the interior of the country and came [down] to Ephesus where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the holy Spirit when you became believers?" They answered him, "We have never even heard that there is a holy Spirit." He said, "How were you baptized?" They replied, "With the baptism of John." Paul then said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid [his] hands on them, the holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Acts of the Apostles 19:1–6

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let us pray for all those preparing for Confirmation. May they remain faithful to God, give bold witness to the Gospel, and become heirs in the hope of eternal life.

Reader 1: For all of us, sons and daughters of God, that confirmed by the gift of the Spirit we will give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: For our parents and godparents, who lead us in faith, that by word and example they may always encourage us to follow the way of Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: For all members of the Church, that God, who gathers us together by the Holy Spirit, may help us grow in unity of faith and love until Jesus, his Son, returns in glory. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May the work of the Holy Spirit begun at Pentecost continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe.

All: Amen.

Leader: Today we celebrate the next step in building our relationship with God. Let us think about all we have learned and gained in growing closer to God through preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All: Loving God, through your gifts we are prepared to serve as people for you and people for others. We are ready, Lord, to live out our responsibilities as confirmed Catholics. Amen.