



Diocese of Westminster – Guidelines for the Prayers of the Faithful 1

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)¹ tells us that the series of intentions is to be:

- a. for the needs of the Church
- b. for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world
- c. for those burdened by any kind of difficulty,
- d. for the local community.

GIRM says that the prayers can be adapted for particular celebrations such as Confirmation. Our bishops in Westminster have adapted the prayers for Confirmations as being for:

- a. The World
- b. The Church
- c. The Confirmed
- d. Family and Teachers
- e. The Sick
- f. The Dying
- g. The Prayer to Our Lady

Guidelines for prayers of the faithful which are included in the Rite of Confirmation

The bishop begins: 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.

Candidate: For these sons and daughters of God, 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. R/Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us

Candidate: For their parents and godparents who led them in faith, that by word and example they may always encourage them to follow the way of Jesus Christ: let us pray to the Lord. R/Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Candidate: For the holy Church of God, in union with Benedict, our pope, Cormac, our bishop, X, his auxiliary bishop and all the other 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. R/Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Candidate: For all people, of every race and nation, that they may acknowledge the one God as Father, and seek his kingdom, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit: let us pray to the Lord. R/Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

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 his work begun at Pentecost continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

¹ GIRM, The Holy See, 2005