

## The Universal Prayer – Celebration of Confirmation

**Bishop:** My dear brothers and sisters,  
let us humbly pray to God the almighty Father  
and be of one mind in our prayer,  
just as faith, hope, and charity,  
which proceed from his Holy Spirit, are one.

**Deacon/minister**

1. For the holy Church of God, together with Francis our Pope, Michael our Bishop, and all the Bishops, that, gathered by the Holy Spirit, the Church may grow and increase in unity of faith and love until the coming of the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord. R.**
2. For these his servants, whom the gift of the Holy Spirit has confirmed, that, planted in faith and grounded in love, they may bear witness to Christ the Lord by their way of life, **let us pray to the Lord. R: Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For their parents and sponsors: that by word and example they may continue to encourage those whom they have sponsored in the faith to follow in the footsteps of Christ, **let us pray to the Lord. R.**
4. For the whole world that all people, who have one Maker and Father, may acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters, without discrimination of race or nation, and with sincere hearts seek the Kingdom of God, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, **let us pray to the Lord. R.**
5. For the perseverance and formation of our seminarians and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life: that Christ may strengthen those who are discerning to follow Him in a priestly and religious vocation, **let us pray to the Lord. R.**

**Bishop:** O God, who gave the Holy Spirit to your Apostles,  
and willed that through them and their successors  
the same Spirit be handed on to rest of the faithful,  
listen favorably to our prayer,  
and grant that your divine grace,  
which was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed,  
may now spread through the hearts of those  
who believe in you. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.