

Order of Confirmation — Prayer Texts

Notes

The following texts are mostly taken from the *Order of Confirmation*, Chapter V Texts to be Used in the Conferral of Confirmation. The text may also be found in the *Roman Missal*.

The prayers used in the liturgy are a source for the theology of the celebration and so are offered here for catechists and others to explore and reflect upon the meaning of the Rite.

They may also be considered when preparing the liturgy but often, the principal celebrant (e.g. the Bishop) will choose which of these texts are used.

I. The Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation

57. This Mass is used, with the colour red or white, or a festive colour, at the conferral of Confirmation on days when Ritual Masses are permitted. The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said. The Creed, however, is omitted.

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58. Entrance Antiphon

Ez 36:25-26

Thus says the Lord:

I will pour clean water upon you
and I will give you a new heart;
a new spirit I will put within you (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God,
that the Holy Spirit, coming near
and dwelling graciously within us,
may make of us a perfect temple of his glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Or:

Fulfill for us your gracious promise, O Lord, we pray,
so that by his coming
the Holy Spirit may make us witnesses before the world
to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Other optional prayers, nos. 59–60.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive in your mercy, O Lord,
the prayers of your servants
and grant that, being conformed more perfectly to your Son,
they may grow steadily in bearing witness to him,