

**A.** Yes; following the order of the passage in Isaiah, the bishop prays over the candidates first for the Holy Ghost Himself, then for His sevenfold or perfect fulness.

**Q.** Give the words.

**A.** "Strengthen them, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter; and daily increase in them Thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear."

**Q.** The bishop then prays that the Holy Ghost may rest on each candidate as He did on the man Christ Jesus?

**A.** Yes; and we believe that if the candidates be prepared for the great gift, and come with right dispositions, God will hear the prayers offered on their behalf, and will bestow the gift by means of the laying on of hands.

**Q.** Is this Confirmation prayer a new composition?

**A.** No; it has been used in the Confirmation Service for at least fifteen hundred years; and a similar prayer has ever been in use where the Apostolic ministry of bishops, priests, and deacons is in full preservation.