

PRAYER AFTER CONFIRMATION.

To be used until your first Communion.

O merciful Lord, I bless and praise thee, who hast permitted me, an unworthy sinner, to renew and take upon myself, in thy presence and in the presence of thy people, the vow and promise made for me at my baptism, and to be admitted to the full communion of thy Church ; and to receive from the hands of thy minister, the bishop, the pledge of thy fatherly care, and the confirmation of thy Holy Spirit. Forgive the wanderings of my thoughts, and the coldness of my prayers. And now, O Lord, that I have thus given myself to be fully thy servant, grant that I may continue thine for ever. Renew me daily with thy Holy Spirit, and daily increase in me the gifts of thy grace ; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, the spirit of strength and fortitude, of holy resolution, of meekness, gentleness, and truth. Dispose and enable me, by thy grace, to prepare myself to partake of the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, that my soul may be continually strengthened and refreshed thereby, and that I may be more and more united to him ; through the same, my Lord and Saviour, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth now and evermore. Amen.

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