

PRAYER BEFORE CONFIRMATION,

To be used morning and evening until Confirmation.

O Lord, my heavenly Father, I heartily thank thee that I was early given to thee, and adopted for thy child in baptism ; and bound to renounce and forsake all sin and wickedness, and serve thee all my life long.

O Lord, I confess that I have too much forgotten thee, and that I have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, [*Here remember your besetting sin, and any other sin with which your conscience charges you.*] Pardon, I beseech thee, all my sins, for the sake of my dear Redeemer, our Lord Jesus Christ.

And now that I am called upon to unite myself fully to thy Church, and to take upon me the promise and vow made for me at my baptism, I humbly thank thee for that desire thou hast given me thus to give myself more fully to thee. Help me to be careful and earnest, serious, and sincere, in that which I am about to do. Make me willing to yield myself wholly to thee. Open my mind to understand and profit by the instruction which shall be given me ; and grant that I may be so prepared, that I may receive in Confirmation all those graces of thy Holy Spirit which thou willest therein to give. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.