

Promises and Prayers for the Episcopal Election

The promises made by the bishop-elect at the time of ordination:

Will you accept this call and fulfil this trust in obedience to Christ?

Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of holy scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?

Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?

As a chief priest and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God's grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?

Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?

Will you share with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who minister in the Church?

Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

Prayers for the Election of a Bishop

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: Look on your church with grace and guide the minds of those who shall choose a new bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Most gracious and loving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, we pray for the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Bishop for our diocese. Open our hearts and minds and give us your insight, that we may be faithful to Your will in preparing for, and carrying out the election. Bless and guide all those who will elect our new Bishop. Deepen our trust in your guidance, O God, that we may move forward with you in our life together, through the power of your Holy Spirit and in the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.