

## DISCERNMENT PRAYER

*Candidate and parent(s) gather with a Bible in a comfortable place.*

**PRAY:** *Lord Jesus, send your Spirit among us. We ask for the Spirit's wisdom, understanding and guidance in our decision-making today. Open our minds and hearts that we may see clearly. Let your will be made known to us that we may make our decision in accordance with your ways. We ask this in your name. Amen.*

**READ:** *one or more of the following passages:*

*Romans 12:2*

*We seek direction and guidance for the decision we are facing. Help us, Lord, to know your will for us. Inspire us with a plan of action.*

*Luke 6:12-13*

*When Jesus was going to choose the people who would be his closest companions, he did not make that decision without prayerful discernment. He spent the whole night communicating with God.*

*Lord, we have an important decision to make. Having seen the need to choose wisely, we seek your assistance. Bless us with answers.*

*Matthew 4:1-11*

*As Jesus moved into his public life, he took time for prayer and for struggling with how to shape his ministry. We also need to be attentive to any inner conflicts at this time of decision.*

*Help us, Lord, to take time for prayer and to come to peace with our decision. Strengthen us with your vision.*

**REFLECT:**

- Review the time commitments you currently have - school, sports, work, extra-curricular activities...*
- Look at the time requirements of the Confirmation process.*

- Realistically consider what is required. Can you fully commit to the preparation process?
- How will the Confirmation process affect your other activities?
- Are you interested in participating in Confirmation preparation at this time?

**PRAY:** Lord, hear our prayers as we ask for your guidance and support.

(spontaneous prayer petitions)

Our Father...

**DECIDE:**

YES, we want to continue with the Confirmation preparation process.

NO, this is not the right time for us to participate.

**COMMUNICATE:** Send an email to [TColville@ChurchRedeemer.org](mailto:TColville@ChurchRedeemer.org) to communicate your decision.

If you choose to continue with the process, make sure you have turned in your Faith Formation Registration Form, marking "Confirmation" and your choice of Youth R.E. session. You will be contacted later in the summer to sign-up for an interview in August.