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WOMEN	Turn any anxiety we may about confirmation to a quiet confidence in the way you have blessed us in the past. Give us a new perspective to see persons, experiences and events in confirmation as an invitation to develop the many gifts you have given us to be used in service for others.
MEN	Bless us with awareness and insight into the way our minds and hearts will be changed, and how we can be charged to live like Jesus. Give us the ability to make right choices about the future.
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