

*Name of Congregation
Address*

Date

Name of Volunteer
Address

Dear _____:

First, I want to thank you for volunteering to be on a prayer team for _____ Name of Student _____ to support him/her and the family on the confirmation journey. The ministry of prayer is extremely important to the faith formation of not just for _____ Name of Student but his/her entire family.

Your ministry is very important to _____ Name of Congregation _____ as we keep our commitment to _____ Name of Parent(s) _____ that we will support them and equip them to be the best faith parents of their children.

The confirmation growth program we are using totally is a change from a classroom, deductive teaching process of cerebral education to an education of the heart that is done in the home with each individual family. Each student with whom _____ Name of Pastor or Lay Leader _____ is working will have an adult faith mentor or spiritual elder also who will walk along side the student in this ministry. The lesson plans for the student and for the parent(s) given are all on a website and include a variety of options to accomplish the desired outcomes as they learn together, and equips them to use a variety of resources for practicing the faith at home. _____ Name of Pastor or Lay Leader _____ will visit each student and family once per month to check on how their learning is going, help them with any questions they might have from what they are learning, and to introduce them to the theological background of the next lesson and family learning activities that they will do together. This is a very different style of confirmation instruction that is based on promises that the parents made at the baptism of their child, the role of the parents in faith formation as described in the Bible (especially the Book of Deuteronomy), and the latest research on faith formation and passing on the faith.

So we are surrounding the family with the power of the Holy Spirit through the prayer team, adult faith mentor, and pastoral care in theological learning of the confirmation journey. _____ Name of Pastor or Lay Leader _____ will always meet in the home with the entire family.

Prayers have been written for each student, for the family, and for the adult faith mentor/spiritual elder. _____ Name of Adult Faith Mentor _____ is the faith mentor for _____ Name of Student _____. Enclosed is a further description of this ministry and the expectations of the prayer teams.

The lead person for this prayer team is _____ Name of Prayer Team Leader chosen _____. He/she will arrange a time and place when you could meet to pray for _____ Name of Student and Parent(s) _____. The Prayer Team Leader will call or talk with _____ Name of Student _____ and ask him/her, "How shall we pray for you this week? What's the focus of your study?" The Prayer Team Leader will also call _____ Name of Adult Faith Mentor _____ and ask him/her, "How shall we pray for you this week?"

If you have any questions, please contact me. I am so thankful to God for your willingness to share in the ministry of faith formation.

Christ makes life exciting,