Then the principal ordaining Bishop receives the Book of the Gospels from one of the Deacons and places it, open, above the head of each of the Bishops-elect; two Deacons, standing on the right and on the left of each of the Bishops-elect, hold the Book of the Gospels above the head of the Bishop-elect until the end of the Prayer of Ordination.

All the Bishops put aside their miters. The Bishops-elect remains kneeling before the principal ordaining Bishop. With the other ordaining Bishops near him, the principal Bishop, with hands extended, sings or says the Prayer of Ordination:

All the ordaining Bishops join in the following part of the Prayer, with hands joined, but in a low voice, so that the principal ordaining Bishop’s voice is heard clearly:

Now pour forth upon these chosen ones the power that is from you, the governing Spirit, whom you gave to your beloved Son Jesus Christ and whom he gave to the holy Apostles, who established the
The principal ordaining Bishop continues alone:

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies and God of all consolation, who dwell on high and look upon the lowly, who know all things before they come to be: it is you who established order in your Church through your gracious word, who from the beginning predestined a righteous people born of Abraham, who instituted rulers and priests and did not leave your sanctuary without ministry, who from the beginning of the world have been pleased to be glorified in those you have chosen: Church in each place as your sanctuary, to the glory and unfailing praise of your name.

Grant, O Father, knower of all hearts, that these your servants whom you have chosen for the Episcopate may nourish your holy flock and may without reproach exercise before you the High Priesthood, serving you night and day; that they may unceasingly cause your face to shine upon us and offer the gifts of your holy Church.

Grant that by the strength of the Spirit of the High Priesthood they may have authority to forgive sins according to your command; that they may apportion offices according to your precept and loosen every bond according to the authority you gave the Apostles; may they be pleasing to you in meekness and purity of heart,
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of - fer ing a sweet fragrance to you through your Son Je - sus Christ,  
through whom glory and power and honor are yours,  
with the Holy  
Spirit in the ho - ly Church  
both now and for ev - er  
and ev - er.  

All:  
A - men.