

Spiritual Warfare  
**PRAYERS**

### **Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; within your wounds, hide me; let me never be separated from you; from the evil one, protect me; at the hour of my death, call me; and bid me to come to you; that with your saints, I may praise you forever and ever. Amen.

### **Breaking Curses**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I rebuke all spells, hexes, curses, voodoo practices, witchcraft, satanic rituals, incantations, evil wishes, and fasting prayers (not of the Lord) that have been sent my way, or have passed down the generational bloodline. I take authority over all of them and command that they go back where they came from and be replaced with a blessing.

I ask forgiveness for and denounce all negative inner vows that I have made and ask you, Lord Jesus, to release me from any bondage they may have held in me. I claim

your shed blood over all aspects of my life and relationships, and ask you to wash away and cleanse me from all impurities, in your name, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Short-Form Deliverance**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of his cross, his blood and his resurrection, I bind you Satan, the spirits, powers and forces of darkness, the nether world, and the evil forces of nature.

I take authority over all curses, hexes, demonic activity, and spells directed against me, my relationships, ministry, air space, finances, and the work of my hands; and I break them by the power and authority of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. I bind all demonic interaction, interplay, and communications between spirits sent against me, and send them directly to Jesus Christ for him to deal with as he wills.

I ask forgiveness for, and denounce all negative inner vows that I have made with the enemy, and ask that Jesus Christ release me from these vows and from any bondage they may have held in me. I claim the shed

blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, over every aspect of my life for my protection. I pray all these things in the precious name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **Breaking Generational Curses**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of his Word, I take the sword of the Spirit and cut myself free from all generational inherited sins, weaknesses, character defects, personality traits, cellular disorders, and genetic disorders. I sever all unhealthy soul-ties and forms of enmeshment and cut all bonds that are not of the Lord. I put his cross between myself, my parents, my grandparents, my siblings, my offspring, my mates, and any unhealthy relationships that my mates have had with others in the past. I cut all bonds of these relationships that are not of the Lord back to the beginning of time, and by the sword of the Spirit, and in the name of Jesus Christ, I say that I am now free, free to be the child of God the Lord intended me to be.

## **Prayer against Every Evil**

Spirit of our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Most Holy Trinity, descend upon me. Please purify me, mold me, fill me with yourself, and use me. Banish all the forces of evil from me, destroy them, vanquish them so that I can be healthy and do good deeds.

Banish from me all spells, witchcraft, black magic, malefice, ties, maledictions, and the evil eye; diabolic infestations, oppressions, possessions; all that is evil and sinful; jealousy, perfidy, envy; and physical, psychological, moral, spiritual, and diabolical ailments.

I command and bid all the powers who molest me — by the power of God Almighty, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior — to leave me forever, and to be consigned into the everlasting lake of fire, that they may never again touch me or any other creature in the entire world, Amen.

## **Denouncing the Occult**

Heavenly Father, in the name of your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, I denounce Satan and all his works; witchcraft, the use of

divination, the practice of sorcery, dealings with mediums, the Ouija board, astrology, horoscopes, numerology, all types of fortune telling, palm readings, levitation, and anything associated with the occult or Satan. I denounce all of them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who came in the flesh and by the power of his cross, his blood and his resurrection, I break their hold over me.

I confess all these sins before you and ask you cleanse and forgive me. I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is the only Son of God, and ask you Lord Jesus to enter my heart and create in me the kind of person you have intended me to be. I ask you to send forth your Holy Spirit and baptize me with the gifts of your Spirit, just as you baptized your disciples on the day of Pentecost.

I thank you, Lord, according to the riches of your glory, for strengthening my inner-spirit, with the power of your Holy Spirit, so that Christ may dwell in my heart. Through faith, rooted and grounded in love, may I be able to comprehend with all the saints, the breadth, length, height, and depth of Christ's love which surpasses all knowledge; in Jesus' name, Amen.



### **Prayer against Malefice<sup>1</sup>**

God, our Lord, King of ages, All-powerful and Almighty, you who made everything and who transform everything simply by your will; you who changed into dew the flames of the seven-times hotter furnace and protected and saved your three holy children:

You are the doctor and physician of our soul. You are the salvation of those who turn to you. I beseech you to make powerless, banish, and drive out every diabolic power, presence, and machination; every evil influence, malefice, or evil eye and all evil actions aimed against me.

Where there is envy and malice, give me an abundance of goodness, endurance, victory, and charity. O Lord, you who love man, I beg you to reach out your powerful hands and your most high and mighty arms and come to my aid.

Send your angel of peace over me, to protect my body and soul. May he keep at bay and vanquish every evil power, every poison or malice invoked against me by corrupt and envious people.

Then under the protection of your authority may I sing with gratitude, "The Lord is my salvation; whom should I fear?" I will not fear evil because you are with me, my God, my strength, my powerful Lord, Lord of peace, Father of all ages, Amen.

### **Prayer for a Spiritual Canopy<sup>2</sup>**

Dear Lord Jesus, please forgive me for all the times I have not submitted to you. Forgive me for all sinfulness and for agreeing with the enemy and his lies. I now submit to you as my Lord, dear Jesus. Now I break every agreement that I have made with the enemy.

Lord Jesus, please have your warring angels remove and bind to the abyss all demons and their devices that had access to me because I believed their lies. I now ask you to establish a hedge of protection around me, over me, and under me, and seal it with your blood, Lord Jesus Christ.

I now choose to put on the full armor of God and ask that you cleanse me and seal me, body, mind, soul and spirit, with your blood, Lord Jesus Christ. Please have your

warring angels bind up and remove all demons, their devices, and all their power from within this protective hedge and have them sent to the abyss.

Please have your warriors destroy all demonic, occult, or witchcraft assignments directed against me including all backups and replacements. Please have your warriors remove all trafficking people and send them back to their own bodies and seal them there with your blood, Lord Jesus Christ. Please have your angels stand guard over me and protect me from all the attacks of the enemy.

### **Prayer Against Trafficking Witches<sup>3</sup>**

Lord Jesus, would you please have a special assignment of warring angels come and remove all trafficking people from me. In the authority of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth who came in the flesh, I cancel all their astral assignments over my life. I take dominion over all assignments of witchcraft over my life and I break them right now by the power of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth who came in the flesh.

Lord Jesus, please have your warriors strip these witches of their psychic powers, demonic powers, and occult powers. Please strip them of magic charms, veils, psychic vision and powers of divination. Please have all their powers and devices destroyed and cast into the abyss. I ask you to bring them before your throne and bless them with the revelation of who you are and your love and plans of salvation for them. Please show them how they are being deceived by Satan. Please have your warriors send them back into their own bodies and seal them there with your blood, Lord Jesus. I ask you to establish your shield of protection between me and all those who traffic on me; in Jesus' name, Amen

### **Long-Form Deliverance**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of his blood, his cross and his resurrection, I bind you Satan, and all your evil spirits, demonic forces, satanic powers, principalities, attributes, aspects, clusters, endowments, and satanic thrones: I bind all kings and princes of terrors, I bind all demonic assignments and functions of destruction, from any of the above demonic



entities from outer space, the air, water, fire, the ground, the netherworld, and the evil forces of nature.

I bind all interplay, interaction, and communication between satanic and demonic spirits and expose all you demonic forces and spirits as weakened, defeated enemies of Jesus Christ. I sever all demonic spirits from any demonic ruler above these spirits in the name of Jesus Christ.

I bind all enemies of Christ present together, all demonic entities under the one highest authority, and I command that you leave my life now and go straight to the feet of Jesus Christ. Your assignments and influences are broken.

I call forth and loose the Holy Spirit, the heavenly host, the holy angels of God, to surround, and protect, and cleanse with God's holy light all areas vacated by the forces of evil. I ask the Holy Spirit to permeate my mind, heart, body, spirit and soul, creating a hunger and thirst for God's holy Word, and to fill me to overflowing with the life and love of my Lord, Jesus Christ.

## **Binding Evil Spirits**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Word, and the shed blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, I bind the evil spirits of pride, ignorance, unforgiveness, gossip, envy, competitiveness, criticism, impatience, resentment, haughtiness, rebellion, stubbornness, deceitfulness, defiance, disobedience, strife, violence, divorce, laziness, accusation, confusion, procrastination, self-hatred, suicide, shame, depression, oppression, rejection, poor self image, anger, schizophrenia, manipulation, anxiety, timidity, jealousy, greed, revenge, covetousness, fear, possessiveness, control, division, retaliation, distrust, selfishness, loneliness, isolation, ostracism, lack, paranoia, nervousness, passivity, indecision, doubt, deception, dishonesty, unbelief, withdrawal, betrayal, escape, infirmity, nerve disorder, lung disorder, brain disorder or dysfunction, AIDS, cancer, hypochondria, fatigue, anorexia, bulimia, addictions, gluttony, perfectionism, alcoholism, workaholicism, nicotine, self-abuse, sexual addictions, sexual impurities and sexual perversion, seduction, lust, incest, pedophilia, les-

bianism, homosexuality, pornography, adultery, masturbation, homophobia, frigidity, impotency, immorality, witchcraft, enticing spirits, deaf, dumb, blind, mute and sleeping spirits, hyperactivity, new-age spirits, occult spirits, religious spirits, antichrist spirits, and any other spirits of death and darkness all in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I call forth and ask the Holy Spirit to fill me with the gifts of peace, patience, love, joy, charity, humility, forgiveness, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, goodness, discipline, relinquishment, freedom from shame, good self image, prosperity, obedience, a sound mind, order, fulfillment in Christ, truth, acceptance of self, acceptance of others, trust, self control, freedom from addictions, freedom of having-to-control, wholeness, wellness, health, and the light and life of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Prayer for Inner Healing<sup>4</sup>**

Lord Jesus, please come and heal my wounded and troubled heart. I beg you to heal the torments that cause anxiety in my

heart; I beg you, in a particular way, to heal all who are the causes of my sinfulness. I beg you to come into my life and heal me of the psychological harms that struck me in my childhood and from the injuries that they caused throughout my life.

Lord Jesus, you know my burdens. I lay them all on your Good Shepherd's Heart. I beseech you — by the merits of the great open wound in your heart — to heal the small wounds that are in mine. Heal the pain of my memories, so that nothing that has happened to me will cause me to remain in pain and anguish, filled with anxiety.

Heal, O Lord, all those wounds that have been the cause of all the evil that is rooted in my life. I want to forgive all those who have offended me. Look to those inner sores that make me unable to forgive. You who came to forgive the afflicted of heart, please, heal my heart.

Heal, my Lord Jesus, those intimate wounds that cause me physical illness. I offer you my heart. Accept it, Lord, purify it and give me the sentiments of your Divine Heart. Help me to be meek and humble.



Heal me, O Lord, from the pain caused by the death of my loved ones, which is oppressing me. Grant me to regain peace and joy in the knowledge that you are the Resurrection and the Life. Make me an authentic witness to your Resurrection, your victory over sin and death, your living presence among all men. Amen.

### **Healing the Family Tree<sup>5</sup>**

Heavenly Father, I come before you as your child, in great need of your help; I have physical health needs, emotional needs, spiritual needs, and interpersonal needs. Many of my problems have been caused by my own failures, neglect, and sinfulness, for which I humbly beg your forgiveness, Lord. But I also ask you to forgive the sins of my ancestors whose failures have left their effects on me in the form of unwanted tendencies, behavior patterns, and defects in body, mind, and spirit. Heal me, Lord, of all these disorders.

With your help I sincerely forgive everyone, living or dead members of my family tree, who have directly offended me or my

loved ones in any way, or those whose sins have resulted in our present sufferings and disorders. In the name of your divine Son Jesus, and in the power of his Holy Spirit, I ask you Father, to deliver me and my entire family tree from the influence of the evil one.

Free all living and dead members of my family tree, including those in adoptive relationships, and those in extended family relationships, from every contaminating form of bondage. By your loving concern for us, heavenly Father, and by the shed blood of your precious Son Jesus, I beg you to extend your blessing to me and all my living and deceased relatives. Heal every negative effect transmitted through all past generations, and prevent such negative effects in future generations of my family tree.

I symbolically place the cross of Jesus over the head of each person in my family tree, and between each generation; I ask you to let the cleansing blood of Jesus purify the blood lines in my family lineage. Send protective angels to encamp around us, and permit Archangel Raphael, the patron of healing, to administer your divine healing power to all of us, even in areas of genetic disability.

Give special power to our family members' guardian angels to heal, protect, guide, and encourage each of us in all our needs. Let your healing power be released at this very moment, and let it continue as long as your sovereignty permits.

In our family tree, Lord, replace all bondage with a holy bonding in family love. And let there be an ever-deeper bonding with you, Lord, by the Holy Spirit, to your Son Jesus. Let the family of the Holy Trinity pervade our family with its tender, warm, loving presence, so that our family may recognize and manifest that love in all our relationships. All of our unknown needs we include with this petition that we pray in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

### **Denouncing Lodges and Secret Societies**

Lord Jesus, I come to you as a sinner seeking forgiveness and healing from all sins committed against you and my family lineage. I honor my earthly father, mother and ancestors, but I utterly turn away from and denounce all their sins, especially those that have exposed me to a curse. I forgive all my

ancestors for the effects of their sins and ask to be washed clean of their destructive consequences.

I denounce and rebuke Satan and every evil power that has affected my family lineage. I denounce and forsake my involvement in all lodges, secret societies and any other evil craft practiced by my ancestors. I denounce all oaths and rituals in every level and degree. I denounce witchcraft, the spirit of the antichrist and the curse of any demonic doctrine. I denounce idolatry, blasphemy, deception and all forms of secrecy. I denounce the love of power, the love of money, and any fears that have held me in bondage.

I denounce all oaths taken in Freemasonry, Mormonism, the Order of Amaranth, Oddfellows, Buffalos, Druids, Foresters, Orange, Elks, Moose and Eagle Lodges, the Ku Klux Klan, The Grange, the Woodmen of the World, Riders of the Red Robe, the Knights of Pythias, the Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, the women's Orders of the Eastern Star, and of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the Daughters of the Eastern Star,



the International Orders of Job's Daughters, the Rainbow Girls, and the boys' Order of De Molay and their effects on me and my family.

I denounce the blindfold and hoodwink, and any effects they have on my emotions and eyes, including all confusion and fears. I denounce the noose around the neck, the fear of choking and any spirit that causes difficulty in breathing. I denounce the calling of any man "Master." I denounce the effects of all pagan objects and symbolism, aprons, books of rituals, rings, and jewelry. I denounce the entrapping of others, and observing the helplessness of others during rituals. I denounce false communion, all mockery of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ on the cross, all unbelief, confusion, and deception, and all worship of Lucifer as a god.

I humbly ask for your forgiveness, Lord Jesus, and for your blood to cleanse me of all the sins I have committed. Please purify my spirit, soul, mind, emotions and every part of my body. Please destroy any evil spirits that have attached themselves to me, or my fami-

ly, because of these sins and cleanse us with the fire of your Holy Spirit. I invite you into my heart, Lord Jesus, and enthrone you as my Lord and Savior for all eternity.

### **Closing of Deliverance Prayers**

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for awakening my sleeping spirit and bringing me into your light. Thank you, Lord, for transforming me by the renewing of my mind. Thank you, Lord, for pouring out your Spirit on me, and revealing your Word to me. Thank you, Lord, for giving your angels charge over me in all my ways. Thank you for my faith in you and that from my innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. Thank you for directing my mind and heart into the love of the Father and the steadfastness of all your ways. Fill me to overflowing with your life and love, my Lord and King, Jesus Christ.

### **Prayer for the Healer**

Lord Jesus, thank you for sharing with me your wonderful ministry of healing and deliverance. Thank you for the healing I have experienced today. I realize that the sickness

of evil is more than my humanity can bear, so I ask that you please cleanse me of any sadness and negative thinking or despair that I may have picked up during my intercession for others.

If my ministry has tempted me to anger, impatience or lust, cleanse me of those temptations, and replace them with love, joy, and peace. If any evil spirits have attached themselves to me or oppressed me in any way, I command you, spirits of earth, fire, water, the netherworld, or of nature to depart now and go straight to Jesus Christ, for him to deal with you as he wills.

Come Holy Spirit, renew me, fill me anew with your power, your life and your joy. Strengthen me where I feel weak and clothe me with your light. Fill me with your life. Lord Jesus, please send your holy angels to minister to me and protect me from all forms of sickness, harm, and accidents. I thank you and praise you my Lord, God and King.

## Psalm 91<sup>6</sup>

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishments of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the



young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

## Healing Letter Exercise<sup>7</sup>

1. Spend some time in prayer and ask the Lord to bring up any unresolved emotional wounds that may be allowing evil to enter your life, or attack your health. If the Lord brings to mind some people who have hurt you, ask the Holy Spirit to bring back the fullness of your repressed emotions, so that you can be set free.
2. After you identify a hurtful past event that needs healing, try to separate the situation from everything else that has happened to you. Instead of trying to work through years of emotional abuse in one letter, try to isolate the experience and keep working on the situation until it is resolved.
3. Begin the exercise from a prayerful and meditative state of mind. Find a quiet place where you can be alone with the Lord. Make sure you have plenty of tissues and the necessary writing supplies.
4. Picture the person who hurt you in your imagination. Imagine that person can hear everything you are about to say. If the person is deceased, picture them in heaven standing next to Jesus.

5. Begin writing your letter with the words, *I'm angry because you hurt me!* Tell this person all the ways that he or she has hurt you by his or her careless and disrespectful actions. Keep writing the words *I'm angry*, over and over again. Vent all your anger on paper. Don't worry about spelling or grammar; just release everything that needs to be said.

6. After you vent all your anger, move on to any fears that you may have experienced. How has this person affected your life? Describe how the consequences of his or her careless actions have carried forward into your present-day relationships.

7. After you vent any fears or guilty feelings, get in touch with your sadness. Tell this person what you wanted to happen that didn't. If you're writing to your father say, *I'm sad because I wanted a better relationship with you. I wanted you to treat me like a beloved son or daughter. I wanted your love and support.*

8. Conclude your letter with anything else you need to say to this person, and then begin a new letter by picturing the person who hurt you in a completely healed state.

Picture them in heaven standing next to Jesus. Imagine this person full of God's love, and because they are full of God's love, allow them to offer you an apology.

9. Start your apology letter by saying, *I'm sorry for hurting you. You didn't deserve to be treated like that. I'm so sorry. Please forgive me.* Write down all the loving words that you need to hear.

10. Conclude your apology letter with prayer. Release the person who hurt you into the Lord's hands. Ask Jesus to wash away any negativity that you may have picked up by accepting this person's abuse. Surrender this person to the Lord, and if appropriate, ask Jesus to break all unhealthy soul-ties.

11. Allow Jesus to speak to you through a closure letter. Accept the Lord's love and forgiveness. Allow the Lord's love and forgiveness to flow into your heart and cleanse you of all curses, resentment and negativity.

12. Ask the Lord to show you if there's anything else that you need to release. Allow yourself to fall into the Lord's arms and be permanently set free—free to be the child of God the Lord intended you to be.

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Therefore beloved, "Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

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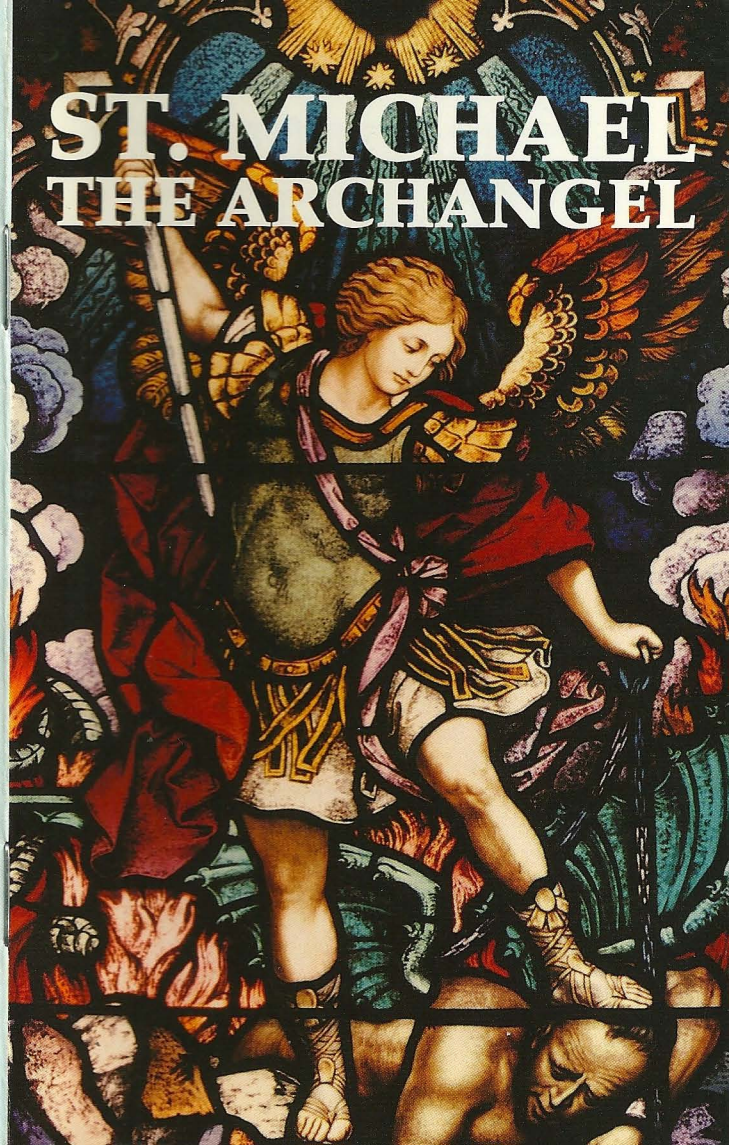
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# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL





## Chapter 2

# Offices of St. Michael

### Prince of the Heavenly Hosts

**T**HEOLOGIANs are of the opinion that St. Michael surpasses in glory and power all the other Angels in Heaven and possesses in the highest and most perfect degree the zeal and the love peculiar to the highest Seraphim. The title *Archangel* does not, in accord with the words of St. Peter and St. Jude Thaddeus, signify that St. Michael belongs to the choir of angels designated by that name, but that he is an angel of *superior rank*. The Church also invokes him as the *prince* of the Angels, who has supreme command over all the heavenly hierarchies.

This position of honor was merited by St. Michael in the battle which he waged against Lucifer and the rebellious angels before the creation of the world. When God

created the Angels as magnificent spirits of light and love, which in countless hosts surround His heavenly throne, He bestowed upon them most eminent gifts of nature and grace. But before admitting them to the unveiled vision of His glory in Heaven, He placed them under probation, just as later He subjected mankind to a trial of obedience in the persons of Adam and Eve. The nature of the trial is not known with certainty. Learned and saintly theologians hold that the Heavenly Father revealed to the Angels the future Incarnation of His Divine Son, whom they were to adore in His Sacred Humanity. At the same time He revealed to them the surpassing dignity and glory of Mary, whom, as the Mother of God, they were to venerate as their Queen.

Lucifer, one of the most glorious and exalted princes of the heavenly court, dazzled by the splendor of his own gifts, rebelled at the thought that human nature should be preferred to his own angelic nature. He would not acknowledge that a woman, inferior to him in nature, should at some future time be made his Queen, and that the seed of that woman should be preferred to himself for the honor of the

hypostatic union. Desiring for himself the prerogatives of the God-man, he raised his great battle-cry of rebellion: "I will be like the Most High!" (*Is.* 14:14).

Some have held that, in their pride, a third of the angels took up Lucifer's rebellious cry. At the same instant another great Archangel, equal in beauty and grace to the proud Lucifer, prostrated himself before the throne of God. With an act of profound adoration, he opposed the cry of the rebellious angels with his own battle-cry of love and loyalty: "*Mi-cha-el*"—"Who is like unto God?"

The fearlessness and fidelity of this mighty champion roused the faithful Angels, who rallied to his standard, repeating with one accord: "Who is like unto God?" Then followed that tremendous battle between the good and the bad angels which St. John describes in the *Apocalypse*: "And there was a great battle in heaven, Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels: And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And that great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, who seduceth the whole world." (*Apoc.* 12:7-9).

Thus, St. Michael and his faithful followers won a glorious victory. With the swiftness of lightning, Lucifer and his companions were transformed into hideous demons and cast into the abyss of eternal torment and darkness, which God created for them. In reward for his zeal and fidelity, the holy Archangel Michael was made prince and commander-in-chief of all the heavenly legions. The Angels most willingly and gratefully recognize his supremacy, for after God, they owe to him their perseverance in grace and their eternal happiness. With loving submission they receive from him their various offices. They are attentive to his slightest wish, seeing in his commands and regulations the will of God, the sovereign Lord and King of all. Thus St. Michael receives highest honor among the Angels in the heavenly court.

On our part, also, he deserves highest honor among the Angels. Since he was the first to recognize and adore the Word-made-flesh, and the first to be illumined by His grace, he is the "first Christian." He is also the "first Apostle," because he was the first to announce the Saviour to the angelic choirs. He is the "first lieutenant"



of Jesus Christ, for he was the first to lead the faithful servants of God to victory against the enemy.

### Defender of God's People in the Old Testament

Both in the Old and the New Testament, the holy Archangel Michael is called the *guardian angel of the people of God*. He is also honored as the *Herald of the General Judgment* and the *Guardian of Paradise*. It is his office to lead all the elect into the Kingdom of Eternal Glory.

The world's history is replete with instances of St. Michael's solicitude for the children of men during the time of their earthly pilgrimage. He began to fulfill his office as defender and leader of God's people in the Garden of Paradise. St. Ambrose says that God commissioned St. Michael to lead Adam into Paradise, to explain to him the purpose of his creation, to guide him and to associate with him in visible form. After the fall of Adam and Eve, this same glorious Archangel stood guard at the gate of Paradise with flaming sword, "to keep the way of the tree of life." (*Gen. 3:24*).

The Fathers of the Church tell us that

even though in many instances the name of St. Michael is not mentioned in Holy Scripture, when reference is made to the services of an angel, we may confidently believe that it was either St. Michael himself who rendered assistance, or his angelic subjects, who did so at his command.

They speculate that it may have been St. Michael who warned Noe of the coming flood, and that it was through St. Michael that Abraham was named the father of the chosen people and received that wonderful promise which Holy Church has immortalized in her prayers for the dead: "May the holy standard-bearer, Michael, introduce them into that holy light which Thou didst promise of old to Abraham and his descendants." The Angel who appeared to Moses in the burning bush (*Ex. 3:2*) was St. Michael, according to the teaching of St. Gregory Nazianzen. It was this mighty Angel who performed the wonders which took place at the departure of the Israelites from Egypt, and through whom God gave the Ten Commandments to the Israelites on Mount Sinai. Likewise, the Angel who routed the army of Sennacherib (*4 Kings 19:35*) was the holy Archangel Michael.



After the death of Moses, according to an ancient Jewish tradition to which St. Jude refers in his Epistle (*Jude* 1:9), St. Michael concealed the tomb of Moses from the people, and also from Satan, who wished to disclose it to the Israelites to seduce them thereby to the sin of false worship.

God revealed to St. Michael the designs of His justice and mercy regarding His chosen people. Of this the prophecies of Daniel and Zacharias bear witness. Finally, it was this great celestial prince who aided the Israelites and rendered the army of Judas Macchabeus victorious over their enemies.

(Even to this day the Jews invoke the holy Archangel Michael as the principal defender of the Synagogue and their protector against enemies. On the Feast of the Atonement they conclude their prayers with this beautiful invocation: "Michael, Prince of Mercy, pray for Israel, that it may reign in Heaven, in that light which streams forth from the face of the King who sits upon the throne of mercy.")

### Protector of the Church

Just as the chosen people of the Old Law were marvelously protected by St. Michael,

so we may believe that this same prince of Heaven protects the Church of God even more wonderfully. Under the New Law, as under the Old, St. Michael is the "Vicar of the Most High and the Prince of His people," ever prepared to render assistance. The Fathers of the Church are of one mind in teaching that *St. Michael is the guardian angel and the protector of the Catholic Church.*

Time and again, in centuries past, St. Michael came to the rescue when dreadful wars and persecutions threatened to destroy Christianity. He it was who, at the command of Mary, Queen of Angels, came to the assistance of Constantine the Great in the fourth century and helped his forces to gain a brilliant victory over the pagan Emperor Maxentius. The Archangel himself revealed his identity in this instance. Appearing to Constantine after the completion of a beautiful church, which the latter had erected to his honor in gratitude, he said: "I am Michael, the chief of the angelic legions of the Lord of hosts, the protector of the Christian Religion, who while you were battling against godless tyrants, placed the weapons in your hands." This famous edifice, generally

known as the *Michaelion*, has been the scene of many miracles wrought through the great Archangel.

Later, St. Michael proved himself a powerful protector against the invasions of barbarian hordes. The Greek Emperor Justinian I erected six churches in his honor, in grateful recognition of this assistance. St. Joan of Arc, the Maid of Orleans, who in the fifteenth century saved France, ascribed her vocation and her victories to St. Michael. Three times he appeared to her and informed her that she was called to deliver her country. In the sixteenth century, when it seemed that the Turks (Muslims fighting under the Turkish sultan) would conquer all Europe, St. Michael at the command of the Blessed Virgin again championed the cause of the Christian (Catholic) Faith, and a glorious victory was gained over the infidels at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571.

Thus has St. Michael proved himself a valiant warrior for the honor of God, both in Heaven and on earth. And he still wages incessant war with the archfiend Satan in the great Kingdom of God upon earth, the Church.

Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich was

reputed to have had visions of the past and future combats of the Church. Repeatedly she saw St. Michael, in the form of a warrior, standing above the Church, replacing his blood-stained sword in its scabbard as a sign of victory. She was also shown how, in the present-day struggles of the Church, St. Michael would bring about a most glorious victory. This thought should be consoling to all faithful Christians who view with alarm the many shafts of persecution now being directed against the Church.

Pope Leo XIII, realizing by divine enlightenment the present and future struggles of the Church against the powers of Hell, felt convinced that through the intervention of St. Michael, Hell would be conquered and the Church restored to peace and liberty. He therefore composed a prayer in honor of this warrior Archangel and ordered it to be recited daily after low Mass in all the churches throughout the Christian world. (See page 45.)

It is said that one day, having celebrated the Holy Sacrifice, the aged Pontiff was in conference with the Cardinals. Suddenly, he sank to the floor in a deep swoon. Physicians who hastened to his side feared that



he had already expired, for they could find no trace of his pulse. However, after a short interval the Holy Father rallied and, opening his eyes, exclaimed with great emotion: "Oh, what a horrible picture I was permitted to see!" He had been shown in spirit the tremendous activities of the evil spirits and their ravings against the Church. But in the midst of this vision of horror, he had also beheld consoling visions of the glorious Archangel Michael, who had appeared and cast Satan and his legions back into the abyss of Hell. Soon afterward, he composed the well-known prayer: "St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. . . ."

*The Church has special need of St. Michael's powerful protection in our times.* On all sides she is assailed by strong and bitter enemies. In one country after another, religious persecution rises to an ever higher pitch of hatred and insolence. The terrible crimes which have been committed in recent times, and are still being committed against the Church, both in her sanctuaries and against her members, surely are instigated by the devil. No

human mind could be base enough to conceive and put them into execution.

We know that the gates of Hell shall never prevail against the Church, for Our Lord has promised to be with her till the End of Time, but we must do our part in defending her cause. God might have cast the rebel angels down into Hell by a single act of His Will, but He chose rather to send against them His armies of loyal spirits under the leadership of the great St. Michael. So too, in the present critical times, He could confound the enemies of the Church by merely willing to do so. But He wills, rather, that we should cooperate in her defense under the leadership of the Great Captain of the heavenly hosts.

### **Helper and Defender of Christians**

Besides the protection which the glorious Archangel Michael extends to the Church at large, he is also the protector of every individual Christian and of all Christian nations. How fortunate we are in having so powerful an advocate! Surely, never so urgently as at the present time have Catholics needed St. Michael's help to



remain steadfast in their Faith. Unbelief has carried its insolence to the very limit and boldly proclaims that there is no God. Blasphemy against Jesus Christ, against His mysteries and His doctrines has increased in the most frightful manner. It is our duty to be faithful Catholics, to confess our Faith openly and energetically and to preserve a glowing, invincible love for Jesus Christ.

St. Michael is the conqueror of Satan. Under his leadership, let us unfurl everywhere the banner of the Catholic Faith and have no fear of godlessness. In a thousand secret ways, Satan plots and wars against God and tries to usurp His throne. Let us keep the kingdom of our heart firmly closed against him, that he may never reign therein by sin. When the spirit of darkness incites us to thoughts of pride or rebellion, let us answer him with St. Michael: "*Who is like unto God?*" Who am I—a creature of dust and ashes, the fleeting phantom of an hour—in comparison to God? When Satan tries to seduce us to commit this or that sin; when in alluring pictures he presents to us the pleasures and attractions of this world; when he

promises us honors, riches, happiness, on condition that we break a Commandment, omit a good work, or commit an evil deed; when he tempts us to give way to murmuring and impatience and to find fault with the inscrutable ways of Divine Providence; when the siren song of sinful pleasures sounds in our ears, filling our hearts with unholy longings and crowding our imagination with forbidden sights and scenes; then let us ever oppose the tempter with the same energetic words: "*Who is like unto God?*"

"Our whole life," says St. Bernard, "is a continuous temptation." He drew this truth from Holy Scripture. We have to battle against foes who are mighty in power, cruel in their vengefulness, fearsome in their craftiness, countless in their number, tireless in their persecutions. They are spirits who deal blows without being seen, who intrude everywhere, who see everything that we do, while remaining invisible to us. And they battle with weak persons who wander in darkness, on slippery paths, surrounded by frightful abysses. With furious rage these many enemies have sworn to avenge themselves upon us, because God

has called us to occupy the thrones left vacant by them. They are bent upon the eternal ruin of our *souls*.

The number of the demons is incredible. St. Anthony of the Desert (251-356) said repeatedly that *millions* of evil spirits were roaming about the world. And the influence which these evil spirits exercise over world events is tremendous. Yet we need not despair, because St. Michael is a defender more powerful by far than the spirits of darkness. In the prayer of the Church we daily ask him to "cast into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls."

Viewing the world situation in the spirit of faith, we cannot deny that the great evils which now afflict the world will never be amended without *prayer* and *penance*. Yet even Catholics have lost sight of this truth. They pray for the cure of the sick, for success in their undertakings and for many other personal intentions—but not enough, or not at all, *for the cessation of the prevailing moral evils* which mean triumph for Satan and ruin for the Church and for souls. The beautiful prayer given on page 57, also propagated by Pope Leo XIII (1878-

1903), deserves to be taken to the hearts of all Catholics and recited by them frequently, and even daily. It is a prayer peculiarly applicable to our times and to all Christendom.

The life of St. Oringa (d. 1310) records an incident of protection by St. Michael, the Archangel: One day the Saint, in company with several other young women, started on a pilgrimage in honor of St. Michael to Monte Gargano, in Italy. The journey extended over a number of days. On the way, the little company was joined by a few men who feigned to be pilgrims and excellent guides. The men seemed to be very pious, and they cunningly kept up an edifying conversation until evening. In reality, they were robbers in disguise, who had evil designs regarding the virgins. They led them directly to their den. Suddenly, a youth of heavenly beauty appeared to the maidens, calling out in a powerful voice: "Flee from here! Your souls are in danger!"

For a moment, the robbers were paralyzed with terror. In the meantime, the noble youth guided the maidens to a safe lodging some distance from the den. Later,



it was revealed to St. Oringa that this rescuer was none other than St. Michael the Archangel.

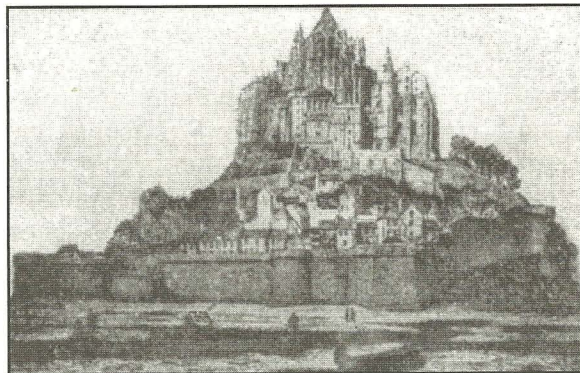
### Heavenly Physician

In the early ages of the Church, devotion to St. Michael was very popular. The early Christians invoked him especially for the cure of the sick. Tradition relates that in the earliest ages, St. Michael caused a medicinal spring to spout at Chairotopa near Colossae, and that all the sick who bathed there, invoking the Blessed Trinity and St. Michael, were cured. Still more famous are the springs which St. Michael is said to have drawn from the rock at Colossae itself. The pagans directed a stream against the sanctuary of St. Michael to destroy it, but the Archangel split the rock by lightning to give a new bed to the stream and sanctified forever the waters which came from the gorge.

At Constantinople, likewise, St. Michael was the great heavenly physician. The Christians of Egypt placed their life-giving river, the Nile, under the protection of St. Michael.

In Rome, also, the role of heavenly physi-

cian was assigned to St. Michael. During the pontificate of St. Gregory the Great (590-604), a terrible pestilence depopulated the city of Rome. The Sovereign Pontiff ordered a penitential procession, during which he himself carried a statue of the Blessed Virgin. Eighty persons died in the ranks of the procession itself. Still the Pope continued the prayers. When they arrived at the bridge crossing the Tiber, they heard the song of angels in the skies. Suddenly, above the castle of St. Angelo, St. Michael appeared in gigantic size. In his right hand he held a sword which he thrust into the scabbard. At the same moment the pestilence ceased.



The celebrated sanctuary of Mont Saint-Michel in Normandy, France, has likewise been the scene of many marvelous cures, wrought through the intercession of the great Archangel. During the middle ages, this mount was one of Europe's most renowned places of pilgrimage. This sanctuary owes its origin to an apparition of St. Michael to St. Aubert, Bishop of Avranches, during the eighth century. Appearing to the holy Bishop, the Archangel pointed out to him a tall cliff extending out into the sea, telling him that this spot was under his special protection and requesting that a church be built there in his honor. An imposing church was erected on the rocky mount, at the cost of great hardships and difficulties. Here the glorious Archangel testified to the truth of the apparition by effecting many and wonderful cures. Twelve blind persons had their sight restored, and many sick were cured of their diseases. From that time forward, the Archangel Michael has been highly venerated throughout France.

Up to the time of Charles XI (1848-1903), every Frankish king made a pilgrimage to this mount. Here Charlemagne dedicated

his mighty kingdom to the Archangel. This church, with a Benedictine monastery adjoining, has a view far out over the sea. Its many steeples give it the appearance of a fortress. During the French Revolution, the monastery was converted into a central prison, and pilgrimages ceased. During the past few decades, however, the veneration of St. Michael at this sanctuary has been given a new impetus, and large pilgrimages are once more ascending the holy mount to honor God through His glorious Archangel.

From the history of Mont Saint-Michel and Monte Gargano (see p. 35), it is evident that pilgrimages are pleasing to the great Archangel and that special graces are obtained in this manner. However, since few persons are in a position to make pilgrimages to such celebrated shrines, one may instead visit any church or chapel, or even venerate a picture of the Archangel. If such visits are repeated several times, or even *nine times* as a *novena*, and are united with assistance at Holy Mass and the reception of Holy Communion, one may trustfully expect the aid of the holy Archangel, even in the gravest necessities.



### **Advocate of the Dying**

Not only during life does the glorious Archangel Michael defend and protect souls, but he is their special advocate and consoler at the hour of death. When the last hour of our earthly career draws near and we are confronted by that awful moment when our soul must leave the body, which it has loved so much, satanic hosts, like ravenous lions, will make a last attack upon us. But we need not fear if during life we have been faithful in venerating St. Michael and in imploring his aid for the hour of death. In that hour of supreme need, this invincible Archangel, ever ready to assist the faithful soul, will come to our aid with his hosts and do battle on our behalf. He will cover us with his strong shield and lead us safely through the midst of our enemies.

And when at length our souls have been freed from their earthly bonds, he will conduct us to the judgment seat of Christ, where he will undertake our defense and implore the forgiveness of our sins. Finally, if we have merited to be numbered among the elect, he will take us beneath his glo-

rious banner and conduct us to the blessed home of light, where all the Angels and elect children of God glory in the eternal praise of their Creator. It is therefore a commendable practice daily to invoke St. Michael to lend his assistance at the critical hour of death. Many are the faithful clients of St. Michael who have experienced his help in that hour.

Among the writings of St. Alphonsus Liguori, we find the following account of St. Michael's assistance at the hour of death. A certain Polish gentleman had for many years led a wicked life. When the hour of death approached, he was filled with terror and tortured by remorse of conscience over his former recklessness, so that he was reduced to a state of utter despair. No amount of exhortation or encouragement had any effect upon him; he refused every spiritual consolation.

This unhappy man, however, still had some veneration for St. Michael, and God in His mercy permitted the holy Archangel to appear to him in his last struggle. St. Michael encouraged him to repentance and said that he had prayed and obtained for him sufficient time to regulate the affairs

of his soul. Shortly afterwards, two Dominican priests came to the house, saying that a stranger had sent them. The sick man recognized this as the work of St. Michael. He confessed his sins amid tears of repentance, received Holy Communion with touching devotion, and breathed forth his soul with every indication of being truly reconciled with God.

### **Consoler of the Poor Souls**

In her beautiful prayers in the Mass for the Dead, the Church with maternal solicitude places the souls of her departed children in the hands of St. Michael, that he may lead them into the kingdom of everlasting light. If St. Michael is so solicitous for the welfare of souls during their lifetime and at the hour of death, we may be certain that he will also befriend them during their stay in Purgatory and will hasten to bring them consolation.

A Cistercian monk appeared to a priest friend soon after his death and told him he would be delivered from Purgatory if during Holy Mass the priest would recommend his soul to St. Michael. The priest complied with this desire, and he, together

with others who were present, had the consolation of seeing the soul of his friend taken to Heaven by the Archangel.

It is related that a certain priest, one day while offering the Holy Sacrifice for the dead, recommended some souls in a particular manner when pronouncing the words: "May the Prince of the Angels, St. Michael, lead them into the glory of Heaven." At the same time he saw the glorious Archangel descend from Heaven into Purgatory to deliver those souls and to conduct them into Paradise.

Let us be encouraged by these examples to invoke St. Michael frequently on behalf of our departed loved ones, and in particular to recommend them to his powerful intercession during the celebration of Holy Mass.

"The Prince of the heavenly militia," says St. Anselm, "is all-powerful in Purgatory, and he can assist the Poor Souls whom the justice and sanctity of the Almighty retain in this place of punishment." "It is incontestably recognized since the foundation of Christianity," declares St. Robert Bellarmine, "that the souls of the Faithful departed are delivered from Purgatory



through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel." Let us add to these authorities the words of St. Alphonsus Liguori: "St. Michael has received the care of consoling and helping the souls in Purgatory."

### **Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament and of the Pope**

When the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity became man, the sublime office of guarding the Saviour during the thirty-three years of His earthly life fell to God's zealous advocate, St. Michael. This is the pious belief of eminent Doctors and theologians. And since the Ark of the Covenant has been replaced by the Tabernacle, St. Michael guards the Blessed Eucharist and keeps watch over the thousands of tabernacles and altars scattered throughout the world. Even so, he zealously guards and protects Christ's Vicar upon earth, the reigning Pope.

It has been revealed to various Saints that the great Archangel is the special guardian of the Blessed Sacrament; that he accompanies it everywhere: in the hands of the priest, upon the throne of exposition,

in the tabernacle, when borne in procession, on its obscure visits to the sick, or wherever the love of the Divine Victim may cause it to be borne. Day and night, he keeps faithful vigil before the tabernacle in loving adoration.

At the beginning of Holy Mass, his name is mentioned in the confession of faults made by the priest at the foot of the altar, and by the faithful in turn. At the Offertory of a Solemn High Mass the priest implores the blessing of the Almighty upon the oblation, *through the intercession of St. Michael*. And during the Canon of the Mass, after the Consecration, the priest prays God to command that the oblation be borne by the hands of His holy angel to His altar on high. The Angel here referred to is doubtless the Archangel Michael. With loving solicitude, he watches over all the tiny particles which fall from the consecrated Hosts at the time of Holy Communion, that they may not be lost or desecrated.

The liturgy also presents St. Michael to us as the incense-bearer standing beside the altar as our intercessor and as the bearer of the Church's prayers before the

throne of God. "An angel stood near the altar of the Temple, having a golden censer in his hand, and there was given to him much incense; and the smoke of the perfumes ascended before God." (*Offertory, Mass of St. Michael*).

*Christ silent and veiled in the Holy Eucharist and Christ visible and speaking to us in the person of the Pope*—these are the two objects of Satan's inveterate hatred and rage. And these are also the two objects of St. Michael's greatest devotion and solicitude. Let us range ourselves under the banner of St. Michael, and by active zeal in the interests of Jesus, atone for the many outrages against the Blessed Sacrament and Christ's Vicar.

### A Miraculous Rescue

In York, England, during the reign of the monarch Charles II (1660-1685), some ruffians gained entrance to the convent of St. Mary and, amid curses and blasphemies, were making their way toward the chapel to outrage the Holy Eucharist.

The superioress of the convent had obtained permission, in case of extreme danger, to carry the Blessed Sacrament to

safety. As the furious mob pressed into the convent, she hastened with her Sisters to the chapel. With trembling hands and reverential awe, she opened the tabernacle, grasped the ciborium, concealed it beneath her flowing mantle and turned to flee. But at that moment the persecutors pressed into the corridor leading to the chapel and cut off all means of escape. After a moment's reflection, the superioress commanded the Sisters to place the statue of St. Michael before the door of the chapel. At the same time, she cried out with a loud voice: "Great God, protect Thyself, for we are no longer able to rescue Thee!"

The cursing, raging mob had already reached the open door of the chapel when suddenly, in an inexplicable manner, the men shrank back, astounded and stupefied before the statue of St. Michael. In a few moments not a single one of the intruders remained in the convent.

In thanksgiving for this miraculous rescue, the statue of St. Michael was erected permanently at the entrance of the chapel and the feast of the Archangel was celebrated each year with great solemnity.



## At the End of Time

The thought of the Day of Judgment justly fills every thinking soul with a wholesome fear. God has mercifully concealed from us the day and the hour when this dread event shall occur. Our Lord Himself, after describing the terrors of the End of the World, said to His disciples: "But that day and hour no one knoweth, no, not even the angels of heaven, but the Father only." (*Matt.* 24:36). Nevertheless, Our Lord foretold certain signs which would precede the End of the World and be a warning of its approach. These signs are described in the 24th chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew.

When the End of the World draws near, St. Michael will wage a final battle against the Antichrist, who by false miracles will endeavor to seduce even the elect of God. St. Michael will then defend the Church against frightful persecutions. This is foretold in the Book of Daniel, where the prophet, speaking of the End of the World and the Antichrist, says: "At that time shall Michael rise up, the great prince, who standeth for the children of thy people. And

a time shall come such as never was, from the time that nations began even until that time." (*Dan.* 12:1).

After this most valiant Archangel has once more conquered the Prince of darkness and has cast him into the abyss of Hell, he will sound the dread trumpet, whose resonance will call the dead to life and summon all men before the Eternal Judge to receive their final sentence of reward or punishment. Happy shall we be if in that awful hour we find an advocate in the glorious Archangel Michael! Let us always be faithful in invoking him.

❧ *Chapter 3* ❧

## Veneration of St. Michael

**A**CCORDING to the great St. Alphonsus Liguori, veneration of the holy Angels, and particularly of St. Michael, is an outstanding sign of predestination. St. Lawrence Justinian says: "Although we must honor all the Angels, we ought to invoke in a very special manner the glorious St. Michael, as the Prince of all the heavenly spirits, because of his sublime dignity, his pre-eminent office and his invincible power, which he proved in his conflict with Satan, as well as against the combined forces of Hell." Again, the same Saint says: "Let all acknowledge St. Michael as their protector, and be devoted to him, for he cannot despise those who pray to him . . . But he guards them through life, directs them on their way and conducts them to their eternal home."

Holy Church recognizes the exalted dignity and power of St. Michael by the veneration which she pays to him. Until the reform of the breviary in 1961, she had two feasts in his honor—the Apparition of St. Michael on May 8, and the Dedication of St. Michael, or Michaelmas, on September 29. Her liturgy for the latter feast, which she has retained (in the Traditional Latin Mass), is replete with the praises of St. Michael as the Prince of the heavenly hosts and as the protector of the children of God.

### **Apparition of St. Michael (May 8)**

The history of the feast of the Apparition of St. Michael is very remarkable. In the year 492, a wealthy man had a large herd of cattle grazing on Monte Gargano in Italy, not far from the once famous city of Siponto. One day a steer went astray from the herd and did not return with the rest of the cattle at the usual time. The owner and his hired men went in search of the steer and finally found him on the summit of the mountain, lying at the entrance of a cave. The animal refused to leave the spot. At length the owner, exasperated by its stubbornness, took up his



bow and sent an arrow toward it. However, the arrow whirled about in the air and, coming directly toward the archer, wounded him.

All were frightened at this strange incident, and no one ventured to approach the place. They went directly to the Bishop of Siponto and related the incident to him. The holy prelate, after serious reflection, decided that there must be some mystery connected with it. He therefore prayed fervently that God's Holy Will might be revealed. Thereupon, St. Michael appeared to him in great splendor and said: "I am Michael the Archangel, who ever stand before the Lord. I am keeping this place under my special protection. By this strange occurrence, I wish to remind men to celebrate the divine service in my honor and that of all the Angels."

After this revelation, the Bishop and all the inhabitants of the place went up the mountain in solemn procession and prayed to the Lord through the intercession of St. Michael. When they arrived at the cave, they found an entrance which led down a stairway. No one, however, ventured to enter, and they performed their devotions

at the opening. After that, many pilgrimages were made to this spot.

Much later, around the year 663, the Neapolitans decided to make war upon the inhabitants of Siponto and Benevento. The latter, at the advice of their bishop, kept a three days' fast and called upon the assistance of the holy Archangel. During the night preceding the attack, the Archangel again appeared to the Bishop and told him that God had listened to their petitions and that in the fourth hour of the day they should courageously meet the enemy, and they would gain the victory.

As soon as the attack began, all Monte Gargano was violently shaken. The entire summit was enveloped in dark clouds, from which flashes of lightning, like fiery arrows, flew toward the enemy—who in consequence took to flight. In joy and gratitude and amidst devout prayer, the conquerors entered the sacred spot. They found the cavern to be perfectly formed for a church which could hold about five hundred persons.

This cave had evidently been a place of refuge in which the early Christians had secretly held their services during times of

persecution. From a crevice in the rock, which formed the ceiling of this sanctuary, water dripped down upon the rocks. This water was very refreshing and most pleasant to the taste, and it possessed healing properties. Many sick persons were instantly cured after drinking this water; others found health through the intercession of St. Michael. Many other miracles proved this place to be under the special protection of Heaven. Alongside of this subterranean church the bishop erected another, in which the services were conducted by canons regular (priests who belong to a religious order). This church still exists.

### **The Dedication of St. Michael**

The Feast of Saint Michael, or Michaelmas Day, is September 29. As it is not certain just what church is commemorated as having been dedicated on this day, the pious belief has gained favor that the entire Catholic Church is here indicated. For by casting the rebel spirits into the abyss, St. Michael dedicated the Church Triumphant in Heaven as the peaceful abode of the Angels; and as he wards off

the devil and his colleagues from the Church upon earth, he has dedicated the Church Militant as the secure dwelling place of the faithful upon earth. Finally, as helper and consoler of the souls in Purgatory, the Church Suffering is placed under his care. This feast of St. Michael has ever been one of the outstanding feasts of the Church. However, the liturgy for the feast is not confined to the veneration of St. Michael alone, but includes all the Angels, particularly those who are appointed as guardians of mankind.

### **Past and Present Times**

The Irish people have always held the captain of the heavenly host in great veneration, as is evident from the number of ancient churches dedicated to him and the frequency with which his name is given to their children. They termed him "*Adrih na Aaingéal*"—"the High King of the Angels." Veneration of St. Michael was at one time practiced so extensively in England that in the year 1114 King Ethelred ordained that the three days immediately preceding the Feast of St. Michael should be days of strict fast. In the Middle Ages



the knights especially consecrated themselves to St. Michael. The German people, too, have long been fervently devoted to this holy Archangel. Devotion to St. Michael is likewise gaining favor in our own country.

## ❧ Chapter 4 ❧

### Prayers

#### Mass for the Dedication of St. Michael (September 29)

(In the Traditional Latin Liturgy)

**Introit.** (*Ps.* 102). Bless the Lord, all ye His angels: you that are mighty in strength, and execute His word, hearken-  
ing to the voice of His orders. *Ps.* Bless the Lord, O my soul; and let all that is within me bless His holy Name. V. Glory be to the Father . . .

**Collect.** O God, Who, in a wonderful order, providest ministries both of angels and of men, grant in Thy mercy that they who ever stand before Thy face to minister unto Thee in Heaven may protect us during our life upon earth. Through our Lord . . .

**Lesson.** (*Apoc.* 1:1-5). In those days: God

signified the things which must shortly come to pass, sending by His angel to His servant John, who hath given testimony to the word of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ, what things soever he hath seen. Blessed is he that readeth and heareth the words of this prophecy and keepeth those things which are written in it, for the time is at hand. John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you and peace from Him that is, and that was, and that is to come; and from the seven spirits which are before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth, who hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own Blood.

**Gradual.** Bless the Lord, all ye His angels: you that are mighty in strength, that do His Will. V. O my soul, bless thou the Lord: and all that is within me praise His holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Holy Archangel Michael, defend us in battle: that we may not perish in the dreadful judgment. Alleluia.

*Instead of the Gradual above, the following is said during Easter time:*

**Alleluia, alleluia.** V. Holy Archangel Michael, defend us in battle, that we may not perish in the dreadful judgment. Alleluia. V. The sea was shaken and the earth trembled when the Archangel Michael descended from Heaven. Alleluia.

**Gospel.** (Matt. 18:1-10). At that time, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who, thinkest Thou, is the greater in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus calling unto Him a little child, set him in the midst of them, and said, Amen I say to you, unless you be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, he is the greater in the kingdom of heaven: and he that shall receive one such little child in My name, receiveth Me; but he that shall scandalize one of these little ones that believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because



of scandals: for it must needs be that scandals come; but nevertheless, woe to that man by whom the scandal cometh. And if thy hand or thy foot scandalize thee, cut it off and cast it from thee. It is better for thee to go into life maimed or lame, than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thy eye scandalize thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee. It is better for thee, having one eye, to enter into life, than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. See that you despise not one of these little ones; for I say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

**Offertory.** (Apoc. 8). An angel stood near the altar of the temple, having a golden censer in his hand: and there was given to him much incense: and the smoke of the perfumes ascended before God, Alleluia.

**Secret.** We offer Thee a sacrifice of praise, O Lord, and humbly beseech Thee that, through the prayers of Thy holy angels who plead for us, Thou wouldst graciously receive it, and grant that it may avail us unto salvation. Through Our Lord . . .

**Communion.** (Dan. 3:58). All ye angels of the Lord, bless the Lord: sing a hymn, and exalt Him above all forever.

**Postcommunion.** Supported by the intercession of blessed Michael, Thine Archangel, we humbly entreat Thee, O Lord, that the service we pay with our lips, we may lay hold of with our minds. Through Our Lord . . .

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### Prayer after Low Mass

(Promulgated by Pope Leo XIII)

**S**T. MICHAEL the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### **For Help against Spiritual Enemies**

**O** GLORIOUS St. Michael, Prince of the heavenly hosts, who art ever ready to assist the people of God; who fought with the Dragon, the Old Serpent, and cast him out of heaven, and now dost valiantly defend the Church of God so that the gates of Hell may never prevail against her: I earnestly entreat thee to assist me also in the painful and dangerous conflict I must sustain against the same formidable foe. Be with me, O Mighty Prince! that I may courageously fight and wholly vanquish that proud spirit whom thou, by the divine power, have overthrown, and whom our powerful King, Jesus Christ, in our nature so completely overcame; so that, triumphing over the enemy of my salvation, I may, with thee and the holy Angels, praise the clemency of God, who, though refusing mercy to the rebellious angels after their fall, has granted repentance and forgiveness to fallen man. Amen.

### **Prayer for Perseverance**

**O** GOD, Who made blessed Michael, Thine Archangel, victorious over the proud Lucifer and all the wicked spirits, we beseech Thee that, fighting under the Cross and ever adopting his maxim, "Who is like unto God," we may be victorious over all our enemies and be delivered from all evils. Do Thou regulate our lives according to Thy Will and Commandments. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Assistance at the Hour of Death**

**O** GLORIOUS Archangel St. Michael, by thy protection, enable my soul to be so enriched by grace as to be worthy to be presented by thee to Jesus Christ, my Judge, at the hour of my death. As thou didst conquer Satan and expel him from heaven, conquer him again and drive him far away from me at the hour of my death. Amen.

O Mary, Queen of Heaven, procure for me the assistance of St. Michael at the hour of my death!



### **For the Reign Of the Sacred Heart**

**O**MARY IMMACULATE, great Queen of Heaven and earth and our gentle advocate, deign, we beseech thee, to intercede for us. Ask God to send St. Michael and the holy Angels to ward off all the obstacles contrary to the reign of the Sacred Heart in our souls, our families, our country, and in the whole world.

And thou, O holy Michael, Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, from our hearts we beg thee to come to our aid.

Defend us against the rage of Satan, and through the divine power bestowed upon thee by God, after securing victory for the Church here below, guide our souls to our eternal home. Amen.

St. Michael, First Champion of the Kingship of Christ, pray for us!

### **Novena to St. Michael**

A novena (prayer prayed every day for nine days) may be made at any time of the year, with any approved prayers.

### **Prayer to St. Michael**

**O** GLORIOUS Prince of the heavenly hosts and victor over rebellious spirits, be mindful of me who am so weak and sinful and yet so prone to pride and ambition. Lend me, I pray, thy powerful aid in every temptation and difficulty, and above all do not forsake me in my last struggle with the powers of evil. Amen.

### **The Angelic Trisagion**

**H**OLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, the heavens and the earth are full of Thy glory.

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the battle, that we may not perish in the dreadful judgment. Amen.

### **Prayer for Protection of the Church and Her Members**

**O** GLORIOUS St. Michael, Guardian and Defender of the Church of Jesus Christ, come to the assistance of the Church, against which the powers of Hell are unchained. Guard with thy

special care her august visible head, and obtain for him and for us that the hour of triumph may speedily arrive. O glorious Archangel St. Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the demon, assist us especially at the hour of death, obtain for us a favorable judgment and the happiness of beholding God face to face for endless ages. Amen.

### The Angelic Crown or Chaplet

(Chaplet of St. Michael the Archangel)

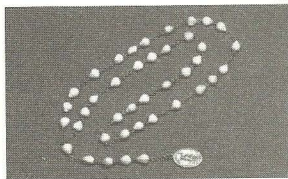
On the medal:

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father . . .

Before each salutation, recite one *Our Father* on the individual bead and three *Hail Marys* on the three beads grouped together, in honor of the corresponding Choir of Angels. (Leave the set of four beads until the end. See p. 53.)



**First Salutation.** At the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the *Seraphim*, may it please God to make us worthy to receive into our hearts the fire of His perfect charity. Amen.

**Second Salutation.** At the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the *Cherubim*, may God grant us the grace to abandon the ways of sin and follow the path of Christian perfection. Amen.

**Third Salutation.** At the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the *Thrones*, may it please God to infuse into our hearts a true and earnest spirit of humility. Amen.

**Fourth Salutation.** At the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the *Dominations*, may it please God to grant us the grace to have dominion over our senses and to correct our depraved passions. Amen.

**Fifth Salutation.** At the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the *Powers*, may God vouchsafe to keep our



souls from the wiles and temptations of the devil. Amen.

**Sixth Salutation.** At the intercession of St. Michael and the choir of the admirable celestial *Virtues*, may Our Lord keep us from falling into temptations and deliver us from evil. Amen.

**Seventh Salutation.** At the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the *Principalities*, may it please God to fill our hearts with the spirit of true and hearty obedience. Amen.

**Eighth Salutation.** At the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of *Archangels*, may it please God to grant us the gift of perseverance in the Faith and in all good works, that we may thereby be enabled to attain unto the glory of Paradise. Amen.

**Ninth Salutation.** At the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of holy *Angels*, may God vouchsafe to grant that they may protect us during life, and after death may lead us into the everlasting

glory of Heaven. Amen.

Then say the *Our Father* on each of the four remaining beads: the first in honor of St. Michael, the second in honor of St. Gabriel, the third in honor of St. Raphael, and the fourth in honor of your Guardian Angel. End as follows:

St. Michael, glorious Prince, Chief and Champion of the Heavenly Host, guardian of the souls of men, conqueror of the rebel angels, steward of the palace of God under Jesus Christ, our worthy leader, endowed with superhuman excellence and virtue: free us from every ill, who with full confidence have recourse to thee; and by thine incomparable protection, enable us to make progress every day in the faithful service of our God. Amen.

V. Pray for us, most blessed Michael,  
Prince of the Church of Jesus Christ.

R. That we may be made worthy of His promises.

*Let us pray.*

Almighty and eternal God, Who in Thine own marvelous goodness and pity didst, for the common salvation of men, choose the

glorious Archangel Michael to be the Prince of Thy Church, make us worthy, we pray Thee, to be delivered by his beneficent protection from all our enemies, that at the hour of our death, none of them may approach to harm us; rather, grant that by the same Archangel Michael we may be introduced into the presence of Thy Most High and Divine Majesty. Through the merits of the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### Litany of St. Michael

(For private use.)

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven,

*Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit,

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God,

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, Queen of Angels, *pray for us.*

St. Michael, *pray for us.*

St. Michael, filled with the wisdom of God,  
*etc.*

St. Michael, perfect adorer of the Incarnate Word,

St. Michael, crowned with honor and glory,

St. Michael, most powerful Prince of the armies of the Lord,

St. Michael, standard-bearer of the Most Holy Trinity,

St. Michael, victor over Satan,

St. Michael, guardian of Paradise,

St. Michael, guide and comforter of the people of Israel,

St. Michael, splendor and fortress of the Church Militant,

St. Michael, honor and joy of the Church Triumphant,

St. Michael, light of angels,

St. Michael, bulwark of orthodox believers,

St. Michael, strength of those who fight under the standard of the Cross,

St. Michael, light and confidence of souls at the hour of death,

St. Michael, our most sure aid,

St. Michael, our help in all adversities,



St. Michael, herald of the everlasting sentence,

St. Michael, consoler of souls detained in the flames of Purgatory,

St. Michael, whom the Lord hath charged to receive souls after death,

St. Michael, our prince.

St. Michael, our advocate,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

*Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

*Have mercy on us.*

Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

V. Pray for us, O glorious St. Michael, Prince of the Church of Jesus Christ,

R. *That we may be made worthy of His promises.*

### ***Let us pray.***

Sanctify us, we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus, with Thy holy blessing, and grant us, by the intercession of St. Michael, that wisdom which teaches us to lay up treasures in Heaven by exchanging the goods of this world for those of eternity, Thou Who livest and reignest, world without end. *Amen.*

### **Prayer for the Church And for Souls**

*Recommended for frequent recitation  
in the present critical times*

**O** GLORIOUS Prince of the heavenly host, St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the battle and in the fearful warfare we are waging against the principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, against the evil spirits. Come thou to the assistance of men, whom Almighty God created immortal, making them in His own image and likeness and redeeming them at a great price from the tyranny of Satan. Fight this day the battle of the Lord with thy legions

of holy Angels, even as of old thou didst fight against Lucifer, the leader of the proud spirits and all his rebels angels, who were powerless to stand against thee, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And that apostate angel, transformed into an angel of darkness who still prowls about the earth to encompass our ruin, was cast headlong into the abyss together with his followers. But behold, that first enemy of mankind, a murderer from the beginning, has regained his confidence. Changing himself into "an angel of light," he goes about with the whole multitude of wicked spirits to invade the earth and to blot out the Name of God and of His Christ, to plunder, to slay and to consign to eternal damnation the souls that have been destined for a crown of everlasting life. This wicked serpent, like an unclean torrent, pours into men of depraved minds and corrupt hearts the poison of his malice, the spirit of lying, impiety and blasphemy, and the deadly breath of impurity and every form of vice and iniquity. These crafty enemies of mankind have filled to overflowing with gall and wormwood the Church, which is the Bride of the Lamb without spot; they

have laid profane hands upon her most sacred treasures. Make haste, therefore, O invincible Prince, to help the People of God against the inroads of the lost spirits, and grant us the victory. Amen.

### **Our Father**

**O**UR FATHER, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. \* Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### **Hail Mary**

**H**AIL MARY, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. \* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



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