Prayers to the Holy Archangels

Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

WHO ARE THE ARCHANGELS?

The archangels are angels to whom God entrusted special missions. The Bible gives us the names of three: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. The Church celebrates them together every September 29.

Angels are not to be worshiped: all glory belongs to God. We ask them to intercede for us and to be with us, as they were with God's people in the Bible.

HOW TO USE THESE PRAYERS

- A 3-day plan: on the first day, Saint Michael; on the second, Saint Gabriel; on the third, Saint Raphael.
- After that, pray to the archangel who fits what you are going through, or pray the prayer to all three together.
- You can pray them in the early morning, after your Amen, or at any time of day.
- About 5 to 10 minutes per prayer.

Important: These prayers do not replace a doctor, therapy, or any professional help, and they do not promise results.

Saint Michael the Archangel

His name means “Who is like God?”

WHO HE IS

In the Bible, Michael appears as the defender of God’s people (Dn 10:13; 12:1) and as the one who fights against evil (Rv 12:7). His name is already a prayer: no one is like God.

People ask for his help in times of fear, temptation, and inner struggle, and to watch over their home and family.

WHEN TO PRAY TO HIM

- When you feel afraid or uneasy.
- When you want to ask for protection for your home and your family.
- When you are struggling against a bad habit or a temptation.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL, BY POPE LEO XIII (1886)

Saint 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 hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

PRAYER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Michael the Archangel,
you who proclaim that no one is like God,
be with me in this struggle.

Watch over my home and those who sleep under my roof.
Where fear comes in, remind me
that God is stronger.

Help me to say “no” to evil
and “yes” to all that comes from God.

Amen.

WORDS OF FAITH

“Who is like God? No one is like God.”

Saint Gabriel the Archangel

His name means “Strength of God”

WHO HE IS

Gabriel is God’s messenger. He announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah (Lk 1:19) and the birth of Jesus to Mary (Lk 1:26-38).

People ask his help to hear God’s voice, to make decisions, and to wait in faith for important news.

WHEN TO PRAY TO HIM

- When you have a decision to make.
- When you are waiting for important news.
- When you want to learn to listen to God and to speak with love at home.

PRAYER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Gabriel the Archangel,
you who brought Mary the greatest news of all,
help me hear what God wants to tell me.

Quiet the noise in my mind
so that I may recognize his voice.

Put good words in my mouth
for my family,
and give me Mary’s faith to say, “May it be done.”

Amen.

WORDS OF FAITH

“Today I listen to God before I decide.”

Saint Raphael the Archangel

His name means “God heals”

WHO HE IS

Raphael appears in the Book of Tobit. He accompanied young Tobiah on a long journey, protected him along the way, helped him find his wife, Sarah, and was God’s instrument in restoring his father’s sight (Tb 5–12).

People ask him to walk with them on journeys and along the roads of life, and they pray to him for the sick and for those hoping to start a family.

WHEN TO PRAY TO HIM

- Before a trip or a change of direction in life.
- When you are praying for someone who is sick.
- When you are praying for a marriage or for someone hoping to find a spouse.

Important: Asking for Saint Raphael’s intercession does not replace your doctor, your medication, or any treatment. Pray, and keep up your medical care as usual.

PRAYER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Raphael the Archangel,
you who accompanied Tobiah on his journey,
accompany me on mine as well.

I present to God the one who is sick:
may they receive good care, strength, and comfort.

Guide my family along safe roads
and help us recognize
the people God places in our lives.

Amen.

WORDS OF FAITH

“God walks with me.”

Prayer to the three archangels

To pray whenever you wish

Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael,
faithful messengers of God:

Michael, protect my home and my faith.
Gabriel, help me hear the voice of God.
Raphael, walk with me on my way and with those who are sick.

I do not worship you: I ask you to intercede for me
and help me live close to God,
to whom be all glory.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May the holy archangels be with you, and may God keep you each morning before dawn.