

DEVOTIONS TO THE HOLY ANGELS

ANGELS, Archangels, Thrones and Dominations, Principalities and Powers, Virtues of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, bless the Lord for ever.

Ÿ. O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

R̄. Praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Let us pray.

OVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so, by thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth. Through Christ our Lord.

YE holy Angels, our Guardians, defend us in the time of battle, lest we perish in the dreadful day of judgment.

Invocation of the Nine Choirs of Angels

HOLY Angels, watch over us at all times during this perilous life; O holy Archangels, be our guides on the way to heaven; O heavenly choir of the Principalities, govern us in soul and body; O mighty Powers, preserve us against the wiles of the demons;

O celestial Virtues, give us strength and courage in the battle of life; O powerful Dominations, obtain for us dominion over the rebellion of our flesh; O sacred Thrones, grant us peace with God and man; O brilliant Cherubim, illumine our minds with heavenly knowledge; O burning Seraphim, enkindle in our hearts the fire of charity. Amen.

Prayers to St. Michael

HOLY Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

O PRINCE most glorious, Michael the Archangel, keep us in remembrance: here and everywhere, always, entreat the Son of God for us.

Prayer to the Guardian Angel

O HOLY Guardian Angel, to whose care God, in his mercy, has committed me, stand by me now and at my last hour; protect me against all the powers of darkness; defend me from all my enemies, and conduct my soul to the mansions of bliss.

ANGEL of God, my Guardian dear,
 To whom his love commits me here,
 Ever this day be at my side,
 To light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Litany of the Holy Angels

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

God the Father of Heaven,
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost, the Inspirer,
 Holy Trinity, One God,

O God, who by the Archangel
 Michael didst overthrow the rebel
 angels,

Who by the Archangel Gabriel didst
 foretell the birth of St. John the
 Baptist,

Who by the Archangel Gabriel didst
 announce to Mary the Incarna-
 tion of God,

Who by Angels and Archangels art
 ever worshipped in Heaven,

Have mercy upon us.

O ye Angels of God, Guardians of
 his people Israel,

Announcing the Birth of Jesus,

Ministering to Jesus in the wilder-
 ness,

Pray for us.

Strengthening Jesus in his Agony,
 Appearing at his Resurrection,
 Comforting the Disciples at the As-
 cension,
 Ministering to the heirs of Salvation,
 Rejoicing over the sinner that re-
 pents,
 O ye Angels of God, protecting us
 with ceaseless care,

Pray for us.

From all dangers,
 From the snares of the devil,
 From storm and tempest,
 From plague, famine, and war,
 From heresy and schism,
 From sudden and unlooked-for death,
 From everlasting death,

*Good Lord,
 deliver us.*

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us,
 that thou wouldest govern and
 preserve thy Holy Church,
 That thou wouldest protect our Bish-
 ops and all Ecclesiastical Orders,
 That thou wouldest grant peace to all
 Christian people,
 That thou wouldest give and preserve
 to us the fruits of the earth,
 That thou wouldest grant eternal rest
 to the Faithful Departed,

We beseech thee to hear us.

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

Spare us, O Lord.

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

Hear us, O Lord.

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

Have mercy upon us.

O praise the Lord, ye Angels of his.

Ye that excel in strength, ye that fulfill his commandments, and hearken unto his words.

He shall give his Angels charge concerning thee,

To keep thee in all thy ways.

Let us pray.

O LORD our God, who orderest all things in Heaven and earth; we beseech thee, look upon us, toiling in this sinful world, and mercifully vouchsafe to refresh us by the protection and ministry of thy Holy Angels. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.