

The Chaplet of St. Michael the Archangel (or Rosary of the Angels) was given to Sr. Antónia d'Astónaco, a Portuguese Carmelite nun, by St. Michael with the promises listed below. It honors St. Michael and the nine Angelic Choirs and was approved and indulgenced by Venerable Pope Pius IX in 1851.

“Whoever would practice this devotion in his honor would have, when approaching the Holy Table, an escort of nine angels chosen from each of the nine Choirs. In addition, for the daily recital of these nine salutations, he promised his continual assistance and that all the holy angels during life, and after death deliverance from Purgatory for themselves and all their relations.”
(Promises of St. Michael to Sr. Antonia d'Astonac)

The St. Michael Chaplet was also recommended by St. Padre Pio to all of his spiritual children and to those who were suffering from temptations. It can be prayed daily or at any time and is especially recommended on the following feasts and can be made as a novena in anticipation:

- Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel (May 8)
- Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (September 29)
- Holy Guardian Angels (October 2)
- Archangel St. Raphael (October 24)
- And on Tuesdays



- ***[Sign of the Cross]* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**
- **O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me.**
- **Glory be to the Father...**

SERAPHIM

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Seraphim...
may the Lord make us worthy to burn with the fire of perfect charity. Amen.



SERAPHIM

- *I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of His garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they hovered. One cried out to the other: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!” At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook, and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, “Woe is me I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember which he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it. “See,” he said, “now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” “Here I am,” I said; “send me!” And he replied: “Go!”*
Isaiah 6

Recite one Our Father and three Hail Mary's.

CHERUBIM

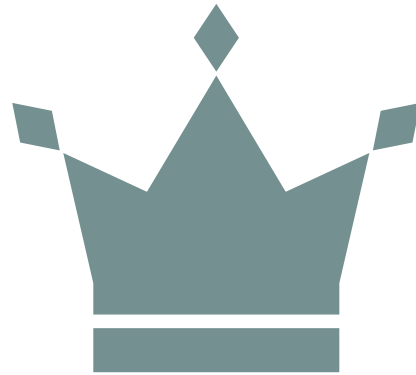
By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Cherubim...
may the Lord grant us the grace to leave the ways of sin and
run in the paths of Christian perfection. Amen.

CHERUBIM

- *They were in human form, but each had four faces and four wings, and their legs were straight, the soles of their feet like the hooves of a bull, gleaming like polished brass. Human hands were under their wings, and the wings of one touched those of another. Their faces and their wings looked out on all their four sides; they did not turn when they moved, but each went straight ahead. Their faces were like this: each of the four had a human face, and on the right the face of a lion, and on the left, the face of an ox, and each had the face of an eagle. Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above. On each one, two wings touched one another, and the other two wings covered the body. Each went straight ahead. Wherever the Spirit would go, they went; they did not change direction when they moved. And the appearance of the living creatures seemed like burning coals of fire. Something indeed like torches moved back and forth among the living creatures. The fire gleamed intensely, and from it lightning flashed. The creatures darting back and forth flashed like lightning. **Ezekiel 1***

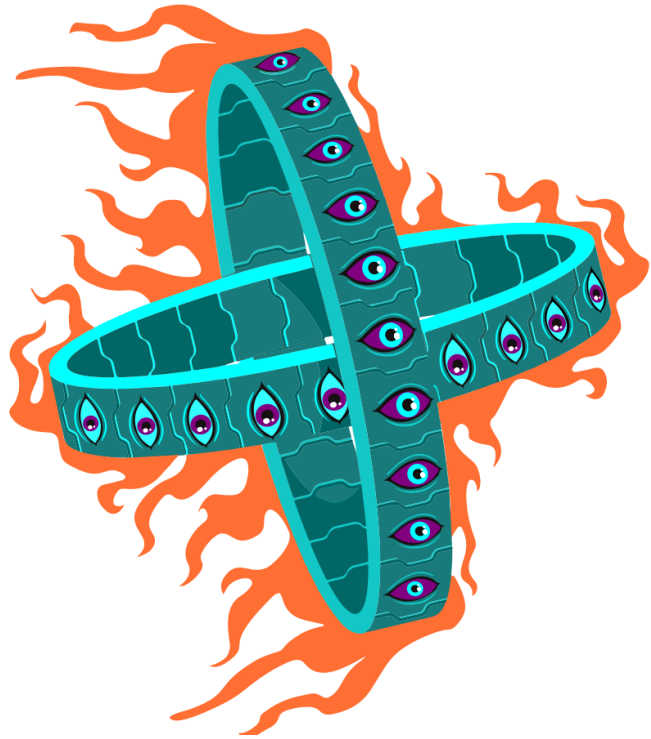
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THRONES

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Thrones...
may the Lord infuse into our hearts a true and sincere spirit of humility. Amen.



THRONES

- *For in Him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether Thrones or Dominions or Principalities or Powers; all things were created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:16*

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DOMINATIONS

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Dominations...
may the Lord give us grace to govern our senses and overcome any unruly passions.

Amen.

DOMINATIONS

- In the Summa Theologiae, St. Thomas teaches that the names “domination,” “power,” and “principality” belong to government in different ways. The place of a lord is to prescribe what is to be done, and so St. Gregory says that “some companies of the angels, because others are subject to obedience to them, are called Dominations.” The Dominations are concerned with the government of the universe. They are the first of the three choirs in the second ring, which is the ring of the cosmos – the angels who are charged with great and universal stewardships. The Dominations in particular are involved in the workings of divine power. They coordinate the ministries of all the angels who deal with creation. We see in the angelic world that the Church’s teaching that God works through secondary causes is beautifully demonstrated. The angels mediate God’s power just as the saints intercede for us with Him.

Recite one Our Father and three Hail Mary’s.



VIRTUES

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Virtues...
may the Lord preserve us from evil and falling into temptation. Amen.



VIRTUES

- Virtues are known as the spirits of motion and control the elements. They are sometimes referred to as "the shining ones." They govern all nature. They have control over seasons, stars, moon; even the sun is subject to their command. They are also in charge of miracles and provide courage, grace, and valor.

Recite one Our Father and three Hail Mary's.

POWERS

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Powers...
may the Lord protect our souls against the snares and temptations of the devil.

Amen.

POWERS

- The Powers (dunameis) form the third and last choir of the second angelic hierarchy, according to Pseudo-Dionysius. This choir is mentioned occasionally in the Old Testament, such as in the book of Daniel where we read, “*Bless the Lord, all Powers, sing praise to Him and highly exalt Him for ever*” (**Daniel 3:39**). The choir of Powers is thought to introduce man to the higher mysteries while repressing the attacks of the “hostile powers” of Hell against the deepest laws of physical creation. *For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.* **Ephesians 6:12**

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PRINCIPALITIES

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Principalities...
may God fill our souls with a true spirit of obedience. Amen.



PRINCIPALITIES

- To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, and to bring to light [for all] what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things, so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the Principalities and authorities in the heavens. **Ephesians 3:8-10**

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and Powers subject to Him. **1Peter 3:21-22**

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ARCHANGELS

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Archangels...
may the Lord give us perseverance in faith and in all good works in order
that we may attain the glory of Heaven. Amen.

ARCHANGELS

- *I was sent to put you to the test. At the same time, however, God sent me to heal you and your daughter-in-law Sarah. I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand and serve before the glory of the Lord. Tobit 12:14-15*
- *In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you. Luke 1:26-28*
- *At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since the nation began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Daniel 12:1*
- *Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. Revelation 12:7-8*



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ANGELS

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Angels...
may the Lord grant us to be protected by them in this mortal life and
conducted in the life to come to Heaven. Amen.



ANGELS

- *For He shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all thy ways.* **Psalm 91:11**
- *And Jesus said to Nathaniel, “Amen, amen,^{*} I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”* **John 1:51**
- *And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.* **Matthew 28:2-3**
- *Do not neglect hospitality: for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.* **Hebrews 13:2**

Recite one Our Father and three Hail Mary's.

ST. MICHAEL

Recite one Our Father



ST. GABRIEL

Recite one Our Father



ST. RAPHAEL

Recite one Our Father



ST. URIEL

Recite one Our Father





Concluding Prayers:

- O glorious prince St. Michael, chief and commander of the heavenly hosts, guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits, servant in the house of the Divine King and our admirable conductor, you who shine with excellence and superhuman virtue deliver us from all evil, who turn to you with confidence and enable us by your gracious protection to serve God more and more faithfully every day.
- Pray for us, O glorious St. Michael, Prince of the Church of Jesus Christ, that we may be made worthy of His promises.
- Almighty and everlasting God, Who, by a prodigy of goodness and a merciful desire for the salvation of all men, has appointed the most glorious Archangel St. Michael Prince of Your Church, make us worthy, we ask You, to be delivered from all our enemies, that none of them may harass us at the hour of death, but that we may be conducted by him into Your Presence. This we ask through the merits of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Conclude Chaplet with this Novena Prayer:

- St. Michael the Archangel, we honor you as a powerful protector of the Church and guardian of our souls. Inspire us with your humility, courage, and strength that we may reject sin and perfect our love for our Heavenly Father. In your strength and humility, slay the evil and pride in our hearts so that nothing will keep us from God. St. Michael the Archangel pray that we may be blessed by God with the zeal to live our lives in accordance with Christ's teachings.
- St. Michael the Archangel, you are the prince of angels but in your humility, you recognized that God is God, and you are but His servant. Unlike Satan, you were not overcome with pride but were steadfast in humility. Pray that we will have this same humility.
- It is in the spirit of that humility that we ask for your intercession for our petitions:_____
- St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection 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, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.
- [Sign of the Cross] In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Act of Consecration to St. Michael
(on the feast day September 29th)

- Oh most noble prince of the angelic hierarchies, valorous warrior of Almighty God and zealous lover of His glory, terror of the rebellious angels, and love and delight of all the just angels, my beloved Archangel Saint Michael, desiring to be numbered among your devoted servants, I, today offer and consecrate myself to you, and place myself, my family, and all I possess under your most powerful protection.
- I entreat you not to look at how little, I, as your servant have to offer, being only a wretched sinner, but to gaze, rather, with favorable eye at the heartfelt affection with which this offering is made, and remember that if from this day onward I am under your patronage, you must during all my life assist me, and procure for me the pardon of my many grievous offenses, and sins, the grace to love with all my heart my God, my dear Savior Jesus, and my Sweet Mother Mary, and to obtain for me all the help necessary to arrive to my crown of glory.
- Defend me always from my spiritual enemies, particularly in the last moments of my life. Come then, oh glorious prince, and succor me in my last struggle, and with your powerful weapon cast far from me into the infernal abysses that prevaricator and proud angel that one day you prostrated in the celestial battle.

Amen.