

Chaplet to St Michael

Saint Michael appearing one day to Antonia d'Astonac, a most devout Servant of God, told her that he wished to be honoured by nine salutations corresponding to the nine Choirs of Angels. The salutations should consist of the Our Father once followed by the Hail Mary three times in honour of each of the nine Choirs of Angels.

PROMISES OF ST. MICHAEL

Whosoever would practice this devotion in his honour would have, when approaching the Holy Table, an escort of nine angels chosen from each one of the nine choirs. In addition, for the daily recital of these nine salutations, he promised his continual assistance and that of all the holy angels during life and, after death, deliverance from purgatory for themselves and their relations.



METHOD OF RECITING THE CHAPLET

The chaplet is begun by saying the following invocation:

O God, come to my assistance.

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end.

Amen.

The First Salutation:

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. Our Father (once); Hail Mary (x3).

The Second Salutation:

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Cherubim, may the Lord vouchsafe to grant us grace to leave the ways of wickedness to run in the paths of Christian perfection. Amen. Our Father...etc.

The Third Salutation:

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. Our Father...etc.

The Fourth Salutation:

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Dominations, may the Lord give us grace to govern our senses and subdue our unruly passions. Amen. Our Father...etc.

The Fifth Salutation:

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Powers, may the Lord vouchsafe to protect our souls against the snare and temptations of the devil. Amen. Our Father...etc.

The Sixth Salutation:

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Virtues, may the Lord preserve us from evil and suffer us not to fall into temptation. Amen. Our Father...etc.

The Seventh Salutation:

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

The Eighth Salutation:

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 gain the glory of Paradise. Amen. Our Father...etc.

The Ninth Salutation:

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 hereafter to eternal glory. Amen. Our Father...etc.

Now say one Our Father... in honour of *each* of the following leading angels:

1. St.Michael; 2. St.Gabriel; 3. St.Raphael; and 4. our own Guardian Angel.

Followed by the 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, thou who dost shine with excellence and superhuman virtue, vouchsafe to deliver us from all evil, who turn to thee with confidence, and enable us by thy 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 of the salvation of all people, hast appointed the most glorious Archangel St.Michael, Prince of Your Church, make us worthy we beseech 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 the august presence of Your Divine Majesty. This we beg through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(with Ecclesiastical Approval)