

Novena to the Holy Angels

Novena Prayer

Heavenly Father, Creator of heaven and earth, I praise and thank You, not only because You have created the visible world but also because You have created the heavens and called the numberless spirits into being. You created them most splendidly, endowing them with power and understanding, and pouring out upon them the riches of Your grace.

I praise and thank You for having showered these blessings upon the good Angels, especially upon my Guardian Angel, and for having rewarded them with eternal glory after the time of their probation. Now they surround Your throne forever, singing jubilantly: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Eternal Son of God, I honor You as the King of the Angels. Yet You Yourself were pleased to take their name and office and to dwell among us as the Angel and Messenger of God. You were the faithful Companion and constant Leader of the chosen people. By Your Incarnation You became the Ambassador of our heavenly Father and the Messenger of the great decree of our redemption.

For Your greater glory, loving King of the Angels, I wish to praise and honor Your servants, the Holy Angels, especially my own Guardian Angel. In union with these Holy Angels I adore and revere You as my Savior and my God.

Holy Spirit, Divine Artist, Finger of God's right hand, by Your power and love the hosts of the Angels were brought into being to adore and serve God. They do so with constant fidelity and ready obedience. They carry out Your commands with fervent love and holy zeal. Divine Spirit, You also created us in Your likeness and made of our souls Your living temples.

I thank You for having given us Your Holy Angels to help, protect, and guide us that we may persevere in Your grace throughout life's journey and safely reach our heavenly home. Help me to be attentive to their guidance that I may do Your holy Will perfectly and at the same time find true happiness in this life and in the next.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in honor of the Holy Angels, I ask You to grant my special request if it be Your holy Will: (Mention your request).

Day One—Ardent Seraphim, you who dwell in the eternal home of love, unceasingly absorbed in the rays of the Sun of Justice, we beg you in virtue of the Divine Blood, to enkindle in our hearts that holy fire with which you are consumed.

St. Michael, the Archangel, and all the Holy Angels, protect us in our combats, that we may not perish in the tremendous judgment of God.

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

Day Two—Bright Cherubim, you who are allowed a deeper insight into God's secrets, dispel the darkness of our souls, and in virtue of the Divine Blood, give that supernatural light to our eyes that will enable us to understand the truths of salvation.

St. Michael, the Archangel, and all the Holy Angels,.....
Glory be.....

Day Three— Sublime Thrones, dazzling in your beauty, upon whom rests the Almighty and who convey His commands to the inferior Angels, obtain for us in virtue of the Divine Blood, peace with God, with our neighbor and with ourselves.

St. Michael, the Archangel, and all the Holy Angels,.....
Glory be.....

Day Four— Supreme Dominations, you who have the authority over all Angelic Choirs, and are charged with the execution of God's orders, rule over our minds and hearts, and in virtue of the Divine Blood, help us to know and faithfully to accomplish the will of God.

St. Michael, the Archangel, and all the Holy Angels,.....

Glory be.....

Day Five—Invincible Powers, whose mission it is to remove the obstacles to the Divine will, and to overcome its enemies, defend us against the attacks of the world, the flesh and the devil, and in virtue of the Divine Blood, ender us victorious in our combats against this triple power.

St. Michael, the Archangel, and all the Holy Angels,.....

Glory be.....

Day Six—Heavenly Virtues, who watch over the harmony of the material creation, you whose name signifies "Strength," have pity on our weakness, and obtain for us in virtue of the Divine Blood, the grace to bear with patience the trials of this life.

St. Michael, the Archangel, and all the Holy Angels,.....

Glory be.....

Day Seven—Sovereign Principalities, you who are the Princes of Nations, we beseech you to guard our Country effectively, that it may realize God's designs in its regard. Govern our souls and our bodies, and in virtue of the Divine Blood, obtain that we may attain eternal life.

St. Michael, the Archangel, and all the Holy Angels,.....

Glory be.....

Day Eight—Most noble Archangels, you who, under the command of St. Michael, guard and protect the Holy Church, deign to deliver her from internal and external enemies. Watch over the Holy Father, as well as over all the children of the Immaculate Spouse of Christ, and in virtue of the Divine Blood, obtain for us the grace to live and die in the Faith, Hope, and Charity of Holy Church, so that we may be eternally united with its august Head, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

St. Michael, the Archangel, and all the Holy Angels,.....

Glory be.....

Day Nine—Most holy Angels, you whose zeal for the interest of God, wherever they need to be defended, carries you through the universe more rapidly than lightning, protect His cause in our souls, and in virtue of the Divine Blood, obtain for us the signal grave of final perseverance

St. Michael, the Archangel, and all the Holy Angels,.....

Glory be.....

Conclusion

Antiphon: O most glorious Prince, Michael, the Archangel, be mindful of us, here and everywhere, and always pray to the Son of God for us.

Verse: I will praise Thee, O God, in the sight of Your Angels.

Response: I will adore Thee in Your holy Temple and I will confess Your Name.

Let us Pray:

O God, Who has in an admirable order disposed the ministry of angels and of men, grant in Your goodness that our life on earth may be protected by those who in heaven always assist before Your throne ready to do Your will. Through Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven, Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,*
God the Holy Spirit,*
Holy Trinity, One God,
Holy Mary, Queen of Angels, pray for us.
Holy Mother of God,**
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Saint Michael, who was ever the defender of the people of God,
St. Michael, who did drive from Heaven Lucifer and his rebel crew,
St. Michael, who did cast down to Hell the accuser of our brethren,
Saint Gabriel, who did expound to Daniel the heavenly vision,
St. Gabriel, who did foretell to Zachary the birth and ministry of John the Baptist,
St. Gabriel, who did announce to Blessed Mary the Incarnation of the Divine Word,
Saint Raphael, who did lead Tobias safely through his journey to his home again,
St. Raphael, who did deliver Sara from the devil,
St. Raphael, who did restore his sight to Tobias the elder,
All you holy Angels, who stand around the high and lofty throne of God,
Who cry to Him continually: Holy, Holy, Holy,
Who dispel the darkness of our minds and give us light,
Who are the messengers of heavenly things to men,
Who have been appointed by God to be our guardians '
Who always behold the Face of our Father Who is in Heaven,
Who rejoice over one sinner doing penance,
Who struck the Sodomites with blindness,
Who led Lot out of the midst of the ungodly,
Who ascended and descended on the ladder of Jacob,
Who delivered the Divine Law to Moses on Mount Sinai,
Who brought good tidings when Christ was born,
Who ministered to Him in the desert,
Who comforted Him in His agony,
Who sat in white garments at His sepulcher,
Who appeared to the disciples as He went up into Heaven,
Who shall go before Him bearing the standard of the Cross when He comes to judgment,
Who will gather together the elect at the End of the World,
Who will separate the wicked from among the just,
Who offer to God the prayers of those who pray,
Who assist us at the hour of death,
Who carried Lazarus into Abraham's bosom,
Who conduct to Heaven the souls of the just,
Who perform signs and wonders by the power of God,
Who are sent to minister for those who shall receive the inheritance of salvation,
Who are set over kingdoms and provinces,
Who have often put to flight armies of enemies,
Who have often delivered God's servants from prison and other perils of this life,
Who have often consoled the holy martyrs in their torments, pray for us.
Who are wont to cherish with peculiar care the prelates and princes of the Church,**
All you holy orders of blessed spirits,

From all dangers, deliver us, O Lord.
From the snares of the devil,***
From all heresy and schism,
From plague, famine and war,
From sudden and unlooked - for death,
From everlasting death,
We sinners, beseech Thee to hear us.
Through Your holy Angels, we beseech Thee, hear us.***
That You would spare us,
That You would pardon us,
That You would govern and preserve Thy Holy Church,
That You would protect our Apostolic Prelate and all ecclesiastical orders,
That You would grant peace and security to kings and all Christian princes,
That You would give and preserve the fruits of the earth,
That You would grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Silently, say the "Our Father"

Bless the Lord, all you Angels:
You who are mighty in strength, who fulfill His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His words.
He has given His Angels charge concerning you, To keep you in all your ways.

Let Us Pray

O God, Who dost arrange the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order, mercifully grant that our life may be protected on earth by those who always do Thee service in Heaven, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost art one God, now and forever.

Amen.

O God, Who in Your unspeakable Providence dose send Your Angels to keep guard over us, grant unto Your suppliants that we may be continually defended by their protection and may rejoice eternally in their society, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

Amen.