

Prayers for Protection and Help

St. Michael, Our Lady and the Armor of God

Prayer to St. Michael for Protection

Saint Michael the Archangel! Glorious Prince, chief and champion of the heavenly hosts; guardian of the souls of men; conqueror of the rebel angels! How beautiful art thou in thy heaven-made armor. We love thee, dear Prince of Heaven!

We, thy happy clients, yearn to enjoy thy special protection. Obtain for us from God a share of thy sturdy courage; pray that we may have a strong and tender love for our Redeemer and, in every danger or temptation, be invincible against the enemy of our souls. O standard-bearer of our salvation! Be with us in our last moments, and when our souls quit this earthly exile, carry them safely to the judgement seat of Christ; and may Our Lord and Master bid thee bear us speedily to the kingdom of eternal bliss. Amen.

Another Prayer to St. Michael

Glorious Saint Michael, Prince of the heavenly hosts, who stands always ready to give assistance to the people of God, who fought with the dragon, the old serpent, and cast him out of heaven, and now valiantly defends the Church of God that the gates of hell may never prevail against her, I earnestly entreat you to assist me also in the painful and dangerous conflict which I sustain against the same formidable foe.

Be with me, O mighty Prince, that I may courageously fight and vanquish that proud spirit, whom you, by the Divine Power, gloriously overthrew, and whom our powerful King, Jesus Christ, has, in our nature, completely overcome; so having triumphed over the enemy of my salvation, I may, with you and the holy angels, praise the clemency of God. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Grace (Maria Mater Gratiae)

Mary, Mother of grace,
Mother of mercy,
Shield me from the enemy,
And receive me at the hour of my death. Amen.

Holy Mary, Help the Helpless (Sancta Maria, Succurre Miseris)

Holy Mary, help the helpless, strengthen the faithful, comfort the sorrowful, pray for the people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God; may all who keep thy sacred commemoration experience the might of thine assurance. Amen.

Praying for Protection: Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints…

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