Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, 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.

Sáncte Míchael Archángele, defénde nos in proélio, cóntra nequítiam et insídias diáboli ésto præsídium. Ímperetílli Déus, súpplices deprecámur: tuque, prínceps milítiæ cæléstis, Sátanam aliósque spíritus malígnos, qui ad perditiónem animárum pervagántur in múndo, divína virtúte, in inférnum detrúde. Ámen

The vision of Pope Leo XIII – 13 October 1884



According to the traditional account, Pope Leo XIII had just finished celebrating Mass in the Vatican when he experienced something extraordinary.
He suddenly became motionless. His face reportedly turned pale, and he appeared deeply disturbed.
Those around him were concerned.
The story says that he had witnessed a terrifying vision of the spiritual world.
What did he see?

According to the popular version of the story:

- He heard Satan boasting that he could destroy the Catholic Church.
- Satan asked God for greater freedom and a period of time to carry out his attack.
- In some versions, Satan was granted approximately 75 to 100 years.
- Pope Leo then saw terrifying demonic forces gathering against the Church.
- He also saw St Michael the Archangel intervene in the battle against these evil forces.

The Pope was reportedly so shaken that he went straight to his private study.

What did he do afterwards?

He composed the famous Prayer to St Michael:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
In 1886, he ordered that this prayer be recited after Low Mass throughout the Latin Church
was almost completely swept away in the 1960s by liturgical changes made in the wake of Vatican Council II.

Father Gabriele Amorth (1925–2016),

One of the best-known Catholic exorcists of modern times.



He was the chief exorcist of the Diocese of Rome for many years, and he was particularly outspoken about something that troubled him deeply: ***he believed that some Catholic bishops and priests no longer took the Devil, demonic activity and the ministry of exorcism seriously.***

What did Father Amorth say about bishops who didn't believe in the Devil?

In interviews, Amorth claimed that he encountered bishops who:

- *Did not believe Satan was a real spiritual being.*
- *Treated demonic possession as purely psychological.*
- *Refused to appoint priests as diocesan exorcists.*
- *Discouraged people seeking help from an exorcist.*
- *Had withdrawn permission from priests who had previously performed exorcisms.*

His famous story about Pope John Paul II

One of Amorth's most striking statements concerned an alleged conversation involving Pope John Paul II.
Amorth said that he had told another exorcist, Father Pellegrino Ernetti:
"I meet too many bishops who do not believe in the Devil."
According to Amorth, Ernetti subsequently spoke to John Paul II and passed on this concern.
Amorth said that the Pope replied: ***"He who does not believe in the Devil does not believe in the Gospel."***

Original - Prayer to St. Michael

“O GLORIOUS Prince of the heavenly host, St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the battle and in the terrible warfare that we are waging against the principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, against the evil spirits. Come to the aid of man, whom Almighty God created immortal, made in His own image and likeness, and redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of Satan.

“Fight this day the battle of the Lord, together with the holy angels, as already thou hast fought the leader of the proud angels, Lucifer, and his apostate host, who were powerless to

resist thee, nor was there place for them any longer in Heaven. That cruel, ancient serpent, who is called the devil or Satan who seduces the whole world, was cast into the abyss with his angels. Behold, this primeval enemy and slayer of men has taken courage. Transformed into an angel of light, he wanders about with all the multitude of wicked spirits, invading the earth in order to blot out the name of God and of His Christ, to seize upon, slay and cast into eternal perdition souls destined for the crown of eternal glory. This wicked dragon pours out, as a most impure flood, the venom of his malice on men of depraved mind and corrupt heart, the spirit of lying, of impiety, of blasphemy, and the pestilent breath of impurity, and of every vice and iniquity.

"These most crafty enemies have filled and inebriated with gall and bitterness the Church, the spouse of the immaculate Lamb, and have laid impious hands onher most sacred possessions. In the Holy Place itself, where the See of Holy Peter and the Chair of Truth has been set up as the light of the world, they have raised the throne of their abominable impiety, with the iniquitous design that when the Pastor has been struck, the sheep may be.

"Arise then, O invincible Prince, bring help against the attacks of the lost spirits to the people of God, and give them the victory. They venerate thee as their protector and patron; in thee holy Church glories as her defense against the malicious power of hell; to thee has God entrusted the souls of men to be established in heavenly beatitude. Oh, pray to the God of peace that He may put Satan under our feet, so far conquered that he may no longer be able to hold men in captivity and harm the Church. Offer our prayers in the sight of the Most High, so that they may quickly find mercy in the sight of the Lord; and vanquishing the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, do thou again make him captive in the abyss, that he may no longer seduce the nations. Amen.

V. Behold the Cross of the Lord; be scattered ye hostile powers. R. The Lion of the tribe of Judah has conquered the root of David. V. Let Thy mercies be upon us, O Lord.

R. As we have hoped in Thee. V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

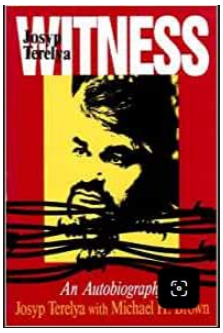
O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we call upon Thy holy Name, and as supplicants, we implore Thy clemency, that by the intercession of Mary, ever Virgin Immaculate and our Mother, and of the glorious St. Michael the Archangel, Thou wouldst deign to help us against Satan and all the other unclean spirits who wander about the world for the injury of the human race and the ruin of souls. Amen."

Roman Raccolta, July 23, 1898, supplement approved July 31, 1902, London: Burnes, Oates Washbourne Ltd., 1935, 12th edition.

Saint Michael of the Morning

Michael, Michael of the morning, Fresh Chord of Heaven adorning,
Keep me safe today, and in time of temptation drive the devil away.

https://www.catholic365.com/article/30908/michael-michael-of-the-morning.html



Our Lady lamented that the prayers to St. Michael has been so woefully neglected. *Our Lady of the Ukraine Apparitions from the book Witness by* ***Josypa Terely***

But at that time shall Michael rise up, the great prince, who standeth for the children of thy people: and a time shall come, such as never was from the time that nations began, even until that time. And at that time shall thy people be saved, every one that shall be found written in the book. (Daniel 12:1 DRB)

But I will tell thee what is set down in the scripture of truth: and none is my helper in all these things, but Michael your prince. (Daniel 10:21 DRB)

Padre Pio's Comrade at Arms and Companion

The Celestial Guardian of Humanity



Mosaic commissioned by Padre Pio. **I**s it possible that in the commissioning of this mosaic, the true warrior, Padre Pio, was trying to remind the faithful about the true battle that we must rage in order to gain Heaven and that there really is a devil and the faithful Catholics MUST FIGHT ? *(The life of man upon earth is a warfare, and his days are like the days of a hireling. (Job 7:1 DRB) "Demons go where they are no resisted , Angels where they are invoked"Fr Ripperger*

When Padre Pio was about 15 yrs. old, he was contemplating his vocation of dedicating his life to God, Padre Pio received a vision in which a handsome man showed to him a dreadful monster of a man and told him: **"It behooves you to fight this man. … I will always be**

at your side. … I will help you and will not let him defeat you."

Padre Pio received the stigmata 9 days before the feast of St Michael. ("with God there is no co-incidence" Padre Pio)



Padre Pio himself AND St Francis of Assisi observed what is called the Lent of St. Michael. It begins on **the Feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15th until Michaelmas Day- the Feast of St. Michael on Sept. 29th**. It is suggested to keep this Lent by prayers and fasting. When one studies the calendar **from the Assumption to St. Michael's feast on Sept. 29th, one can see a host of other feast days of Our Lord and Our Lady and saints strung together**! Hence, this time would be great to contemplate some of these events such as: **Aug. 22-** Immaculate Heart of Mary, **Sept. 8th-** Birthday of Our Lady, **Sept. 12th** Holy Name of Mary, **Sept. 14th-**Exaltation of the Holy Cross, **Sept. 17th-** Stigmata of St. Francis Assisi, **Sept. 19th-** Feast of the Sorrowful Mother**, Sept. 20th -** Stigmata of Padre Pio, **Sept. 23rd-** Death of Padre Pio, **Sept 24th** Our Lady of Ransom.

The Grandeurs of St Michael the Archangel by D. Nicola Ricci , Vicar – Parish Priest of Procida

Our Lady of Good Success spoke to Mother Mariana:



"Each Archangel fulfills a mission in assisting decadent humanity. And even if other mortals neglect the invocation and veneration of these holy Princes, I desire that you and your present-day daughters, as well as those to come, should do this so that they might receive graces and favors- material and moral-for themselves and for their Convent."

Blessed Catherine Emmerich (1774 – 1824) often saw St. Michael with a flaming sword. As the rosary is a weapon and the Word of God a two-edged sword (Hb 4:12), so here on earth the real St. Michael's flaming sword is none other than the St. Michael prayer. Pope Leo XIII composed this minor exorcism/deliverance prayer after his vision on October 13, 1884, of St. Michael fighting the dragon and his angels at the end of times. By 1886 the entire Catholic Church was reciting this fiery prayer at the end of every mass.

St Michael's Sword is "Truth" *"Who is like unto God"*

Joan of ARC declared, who lived during the 1400s in France, said that it was her relationship with Archangel Michael that helped her defeat English invaders during the Hundred Years War.

"In the most terrible moment of the battle there will descend to the battlefield, to the side of the good, angels who will multiply the forces of the combatants. A marvelous courage will inflame the ardor of everyone. St. Michael himself will wound the enemies and there will follow instantly a general overthrow of these enemies." – *Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich*

St Michael to Marie-Julie Jahenny; (September 29, 1878) He will hold under his feet all the enemies of God ….

The 2023 Ipsos Global Religion Survey asked people in 26 countries whether they believed the Devil exists.

Ipsos Global Religion Survey, 2023:

- Brazil: 67% believe in the Devil.
- United States: 54%.
- Poland: 43%.
- Canada: 37%.
- Australia: 34%.
- Italy: 34%.
- France: 25%.
- Great Britain: 24%.
- International average: 41%.

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