

ANGELICAL CROWN IN HONOUR OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

and the Nine Choirs of the Holy Angels (9 x 3 beads)

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father ...

Say one Our Father and three Hail Marys after each of the following nine salutations in honour of the nine choirs of Angels.

FIRST SALUTATION

By the intercession of Saint Michael and the heavenly choir of the Seraphim, may it please God to make us worthy to receive into our hearts the fire of his perfect charity. Amen.

SECOND SALUTATION

By the intercession of Saint Michael and the heavenly choir of the Cherubim, may God, in his good pleasure, grant us grace to abandon the ways of sin, and follow the path of Christian perfection. Amen.

THIRD SALUTATION

By the intercession of Saint Michael and the sacred choir of the Thrones, may it please God to infuse into our hearts the spirit of true and sincere humility. Amen.

FOURTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of Saint Michael and the heavenly choir of the Dominations, may it please God to grant us grace to have dominion over our senses, and to correct our depraved passions. Amen.

FIFTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of Saint Michael and the heavenly choir of the Powers, may God vouchsafe to keep our souls from the wiles and temptations of the devil. Amen.

SIXTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of Saint Michael and the choir of the admirable heavenly Virtues, may it please God to keep us from falling into temptation, and may he deliver us from evil. Amen.

SEVENTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of Saint Michael and the heavenly choir of the Principalities, may it please God to fill our souls with the spirit of true and sincere obedience. Amen.

EIGHTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of Saint Michael and the heavenly choir of Archangels, may it please God to grant us the gift of perseverance in the faith and in all good works, that we may thereby be enabled to attain the glory of paradise. Amen.

NINTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of Saint Michael and the heavenly choir of all the Angels, may God vouchsafe to grant us their guardianship through this mortal life, and after death a happy entrance into the everlasting glory of heaven. Amen.

*Then say the Our Father, four times, in conclusion:
the first to Saint Michael,
the second to Saint Gabriel,
the third to Saint Raphael,
the fourth to our Angel Guardian.*

This exercise then ends with the following:

ANTHEM

Michael, glorious prince, chief and champion of the heavenly host, guardian of the souls of men, conqueror of the rebel angels, steward of the palace of God under Jesus Christ, our worthy leader, endowed with superhuman excellence and virtue: vouchsafe to free us all from every ill, who with full confidence have recourse to Thee; and by thy incomparable protection enable us to make progress every day in the faithful service of our God.

V. Pray for us, most blessed Michael, prince of the Church of Jesus Christ.

R. That we may be made worthy of His promises.

PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, who in thine own marvellous goodness and pity didst, for the common salvation of man, choose the glorious archangel Michael to be the prince of thy Church: make us worthy, we pray Thee, to be delivered by his beneficent protection from all our enemies, that, at the hour of our death, none of them may approach to harm us; rather do Thou vouchsafe unto us that, by the same archangel Michael, we may be introduced into the presence of thy most high and divine majesty. Through the merits of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Indulgences

His Holiness, Pope Pius IX., by a decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, August 8, 1851, granted to all the faithful, every time that, with at least contrite heart and devotion, they shall say this chaplet:

AN INDULGENCE OF SEVEN YEARS AND SEVEN QUARANTINES.

AN INDULGENCE OF ONE HUNDRED DAYS, every day, to any one who shall carry this chaplet about him, or kiss the medal, representing the holy angels, appended to it.

A PLENARY INDULGENCE, once a month, to all who shall say this chaplet every day, on the day when, being truly penitent, after confession and communion, they shall pray for the triumph of holy Mother Church, and for the welfare of the Sovereign Pontiff.

A PLENARY INDULGENCE, on the conditions given above, on:

The Feast of the Apparition of Saint Michael, May 18.

The Dedication of Saint Michael, September 29.

Saint Gabriel the Archangel, March 18.

Saint Raphael the Archangel, October 24.

Holy Angel Guardians, October 2.

To gain these indulgences, a chaplet must be used, consisting of the *Our Father*, nine times, with the *Hail Mary*, three times after each *Our Father*, and the *Our Father*, four times at the end, saying, at the same time, in order, the corresponding salutations, with the antiphon and prayer, at the end. These chaplets, by order of his Holiness, February 4, 1877, must be blessed by a priest who has from the Holy See the general faculty of blessing beads, medals, etc. *(The Raccolta, Maryland, 1878, pp. 301–306)*