

# ANGELICAL CROWN

## in Honour of Saint Michael the Archangel and the Nine Choirs of the Holy Angels<sup>1</sup>

(9 × 3 beads)

Every devotee, having made, as best he can, an act of sincere contrition, should kneel before the image of the Holy Archangel, and recite the following salutations with affection.<sup>2</sup>

*[You may kiss the medal, representing the Holy Angels, and make the sign of the Holy Cross.]*

∇. Incline unto my aid, O God.

∞. O Lord, make haste to help me.

∇. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

∞. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

*[Pray one Our Father and three Hail Marys before<sup>3</sup> each of the following nine salutations in honour of the Nine Heavenly Choirs of Angels.]*

### FIRST SALUTATION

Our Father, *once*, Hail Mary, *three times*, in honour<sup>4</sup> of the first Angelic Choir.

Through the intercession of Saint Michael and the Heavenly Choir of the Seraphim, may the Lord<sup>5</sup> grant us the flame of perfect charity. Amen.

### SECOND SALUTATION

Our Father, *once*, Hail Mary, *three times*, in honour of the second Angelic Choir.

Through the intercession of Saint Michael and the Heavenly<sup>6</sup> Choir of the Cherubim, may the Lord grant us to turn from the path of perdition and be led to the path of perfection. Amen.

### THIRD SALUTATION

Our Father, *once*, Hail Mary, *three times*, in honour of the third Angelic Choir.

Through the intercession of Saint Michael and the Heavenly Choir of the Sacred Thrones, may the Lord grant us true and sincere humility. Amen.

### FOURTH SALUTATION

Our Father, *once*, Hail Mary, *three times*, in honour of the fourth Angelic Choir.

Through the intercession of Saint Michael and the Heavenly Choir of the Dominations, may the Lord grant us to dominate the evil affections of our senses. Amen.

#### FIFTH SALUTATION

Our Father, *once*, Hail Mary, *three times*, in honour of the *fifth Angelic Choir*.

Through the intercession of Saint Michael and the Heavenly Choir of the Powers, may the Lord deliver us from the snares and temptations of the devil<sup>7</sup>. Amen.

#### SIXTH SALUTATION

Our Father, *once*, Hail Mary, *three times*, in honour of the *sixth Angelic Choir*.

Through the intercession of Saint Michael and the Heavenly Choir of the Admirable Virtues, may the Lord not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

#### SEVENTH SALUTATION

Our Father, *once*, Hail Mary, *three times*, in honour of the *seventh Angelic Choir*.

Through the intercession of Saint Michael and the Heavenly Choir of the Principalities, may the Lord grant us the spirit of true and sincere obedience. Amen.

#### EIGHTH SALUTATION

Our Father, *once*, Hail Mary, *three times*, in honour of the *eighth Angelic Choir*.

Through the intercession of Saint Michael and the Heavenly Adorable<sup>8</sup> Choir of the Archangels, may the Lord grant us perseverance in good works of faith, so that we may attain the eternal glory. Amen.

#### NINTH SALUTATION

Our Father, *once*, Hail Mary, *three times*, in honour of the *ninth Angelic Choir*.

Through the intercession of Saint Michael and the Heavenly Choir of All the Angels, may the Lord grant us that we may be protected by them in this life<sup>9</sup>, and may be led into the eternal glory. Amen.

*Then say the Our Father, four times, in conclusion:  
the first in honour of Saint Michael,  
the second in honour of Saint Gabriel,  
the third in honour of Saint Raphael,  
the fourth in honour of our Holy<sup>10</sup> Guardian Angel.  
This exercise then ends with the following:*

#### ANTIPHON

Most glorious Prince Michael, commander of the Heavenly Hosts, guardian of souls, conqueror of evil spirits<sup>11</sup>, citizen of the Lord, wonderful leader after Christ, of great excellence and power, free all of us who cry out to Thee from all adversity<sup>12</sup>, and grant that we may progress in the worship of the Lord through Thy precious service.

Ÿ. Pray for us, most blessed Michael, Prince in<sup>13</sup> the Church of Jesus Christ.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ<sup>14</sup>.

LET US PRAY<sup>15</sup>

Almighty, everlasting God, Who for the salvation of man, out of Thy great clemency, wonderfully deputed the most glorious Prince of Thy Church, Michael the Archangel, grant that by his salutary aid we may be defended from all enemies, that we may be delivered in our death, and be able to be presented to Thy high Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.<sup>16</sup>

[Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of Angels, *pray for us!*

Saint Michael, *pray for us!*

Saint Gabriel, *pray for us!*

Saint Raphael, *pray for us!*

Our Holy Guardian Angel, *pray for us!*

Holy Angels of the Nine Heavenly Choirs, *pray for us!*]

*[You may kiss the medal, representing the Holy Angels, and make the sign of the Holy Cross.]*

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**Indulgences<sup>17</sup>**

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 8<sup>18</sup>.

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)

Our Most Holy Pope Pius IX declared that both plenary and partial indulgences by the decree of the Congregation of Sacred Rites on August 8, 1851, as granted in prayers, could be applied even to souls detained in purgatory.

The present decree is valid forever without an other publication.

Given at Rome from the Secretariat of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences. F. C. Asquinius Pref.; A Colombo Secr. (From the audience with the Most Holy Father, on 24<sup>th</sup> of November, 1851.)

- 1 The text of this crown (chaplet or rosary) is based on the English *Raccolta*, Maryland, 1878. Some terms was aligned with origin Latin text form 1851 (see endnotes), to come closer to the original meaning. The English *Raccolta* is unfortunately a translation of the Italian edition, and not directly of Latin sources.
- 2 Translation from Italian *Raccolta*, Rome, 1865, pp. 272–273 (*Corona Angelica*).
- 3 Our Father and Hail Marys are listed always before each salutation in the source texts of *The Raccolta* (in different languages: English 1878, Italian 1865, German 1859,) and in the Latin indulgence decree from 1851.
- 4 In English *Raccolta* from 1878 there was translated: ‘to the ... angelic choir’, but see the Latin origin text from 1851: ‘in honorem ... *Chori Angelorum*’.
- 5 Latin: ‘Dominus’ = ‘the Lord’ (Engl. transl. 1878: ‘God’).
- 6 In Latin version ‘*Chori cœlestium Cherubinatorum*’ – ‘cœlestium’ is only listed in the second salutation. In English *Raccolta* (1878) ‘heavenly’ was listed in eight salutations.
- 7 Latin: ‘... liberet nos Dominus ab insidiis, et tentationibus diaboli’ (Engl. transl.: ‘may God vouchsafe to keep our souls from the wiles and temptations of the devil’).
- 8 Latin: ‘adorabilis Chori Archangelorum’ (Engl. transl.: the term ‘adorable’ left out).
- 9 Latin: ‘concedat nobis Dominus, ut ab eis custodiamur in hac vita’ (Engl. transl.: term ‘mortal’ added – ‘may God vouchsafe to grant us their guardianship through this mortal life’).
- 10 Latin: ‘in honorem Sancti Angeli Custodis’ (Engl. transl. the term ‘Holy’ left out).
- 11 Latin: ‘*debellator malorum spirituum*’ (Engl. transl.: ‘conqueror of the rebel angels’).
- 12 Latin: ‘ad te omni libera adversitate’ (Engl. transl.: ‘free us all from every ill’).
- 13 Latin: ‘Princeps in Ecclesia’ (Engl. transl.: ‘prince of the Church’).
- 14 Latin: ‘Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi’ (Engl. transl.: ‘of his promises’).
- 15 Latin: ‘Oremus’ [most translated as ‘let us pray’] (Engl. transl.: ‘Prayer’).
- 16 Latin: ‘---’ (no use) (Engl. transl.: the term ‘vouchsafe’ used four times).
- 17 General conditions of indulgences, see i. e.: *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, editio quarta, 1999, NN. 1–26, pp. 21–28.
- 18 Latin: ‘8’ (Engl. transl.: ‘18’).