

## ST MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL

### St. Michael's Mission

A long tradition identifies St. Michael, the Archangel, as the leader who remained faithful to God, and cast Lucifer into Hell at God's command. His powerful aid has always been invoked by the Church in time of emergency.

The Popes have constantly called on St. Michael as the special protector of the Church whenever great evils threatened God's people. For this reason, St. Michael is especially honored at Rome, on Monte Gargano, near Foggia, in Italy, and in France on Mont-Saint-Michel in Normandy.

In times of unusual danger, when the malice of the devil seems triumphant, St. Michael will come to our aid.

### St. Michael Today

With street crime so prevalent in our cities, with robberies and violence multiplying, St. Michael is venerated as special guardian of persons against bombings, muggings, rapes, and assault. The great archangel defends us against the wickedness of sneak thieves, murderers, and fiends who roam like devils incarnate through our neighborhoods.

### St. Michael, Patron of Policemen

As a special patron of the police, and all who must guard the public's safety, St. Michael is invoked to strengthen the forces of public order. He remains on watch with the police against the many sins and deceits of men who despise God's law no less than the ordinances of men.

## PRAYERS TO ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL

### A Citizen's Prayer to St. Michael

Please protect us, St. Michael the Archangel, against violence, murder, and robbery. In your goodness preserve us today from all the malice of sinful and wicked people. In your sleepless vigilance watch over the safety and welfare of our homes and keep guard over our possessions. Ever hold in your special care, most triumphant St. Michael, the forces of public order against the crimes of evil people and defend all honest citizens in time of peril. Amen.

### A Policeman's Prayer

Victorious St. Michael, you know how evil men are awake and plotting while good men sleep. Even so was faithless Judas awake and betraying our Lord while the Apostles slumbered in the Garden at Gethsemane.

Help me, powerful Archangel of God, to be always alert at my post, ever ready to do my duty, and to apprehend criminals without fear or favor. Be near me and my fellow police in times of peril and emergency, please. Defend us by your power when we are in danger. Be sure to shield us from all temptation and any occasion of sin. Help us

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to preserve our integrity and retain God's love in every trial.

Just as you were able by God's power to cast Satan into Hell, may we always be able to control, subdue and confine evildoers in God's name. Amen.

**St. Michael, Archangel**

V. Lord, you have given your angels charge of us,

R. To keep us in all our ways.

St. Michael, Archangel, defend us in battle and protect us against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke Satan, we humbly pray, and by God's power may you, prince of the heavenly host, cast him into Hell with all the evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



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