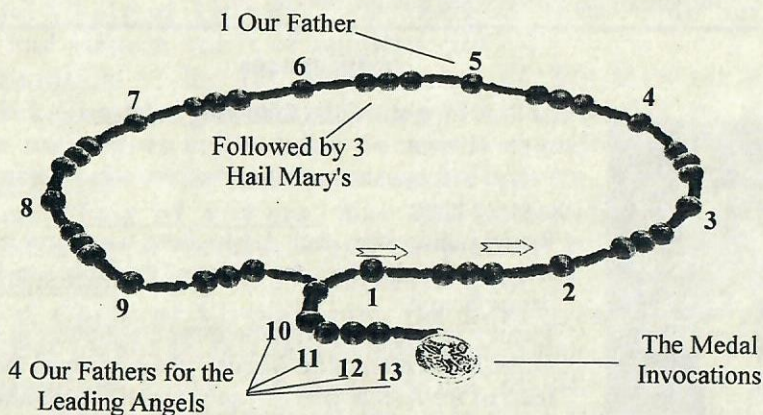


The Chaplet of St. Michael the Archangel



St. Michael's Request of Antonia d'Astonac

St. Michael appearing one day to Antonia d'Astonac, a Portuguese Carmelite nun and most devout Servant of God, told her that he wished to be honored by nine salutations corresponding to the nine Choirs of Angels, which should consist of one Our Father and three Hail Mary's in honor of each of the nine Angelic Choirs. This private revelation was approved by Pope Pius IX in 1851.



Promises of St. Michael

Archangel Michael promised that whosoever would practice this devotion in his honor would have, when approaching the Holy Table:

- *An escort of nine angels chosen from each one of the nine choirs to accompany devotees at the time of their Communion;*
- *In addition, for the DAILY recital of these nine salutations, Archangel Michael promised:*
- *His continual assistance and that of all the holy angels during life, and after death in deliverance from Purgatory for themselves and their relations.*

Praying the chaplet is also believed gradually to defeat demons and grant a Pure Heart, thus delivering us from Purgatory. **These blessings extend to the direct family.**

Seize the moment. When God calls you to pray this chaplet, do it immediately. He may not give you a second call. The promises are great, and you can receive every one of the them, but that will happen if you seize the moment every day and pray them daily. Do you want to see your entire family in Heaven? Do you want to go there yourself? Well, you know His promise. Seize the moment, in case there is no second call.

Indulgences

Pope Pius IX granted the following Indulgences to those who pray the chaplet:

- ~ Partial indulgence, to those who pray this Chaplet with a contrite heart.
- ~ Partial indulgence, each day to those who carry the Chaplet with them and/or kiss the medal of the Holy Angels that hangs from it.
- ~ Plenary indulgence, with the same conditions, in the feasts of the Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel (May 8); the feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (September 29); & on the day of the Holy Guardian Angels (October 2).



Pope Pius IX

Method of Reciting the Chaplet

This Chaplet is also known as The Rosary of the Angels.

+ *The chaplet is begun by starting with: + Making the sign of the Cross with the Medal and saying a SINCERE ACT OF CONTRITION.*

+ *Then continue by saying the following invocation on the medal:*

O God, come to my assistance.

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

+ *Following the arrow on the diagram from numbers 1 to 9, say one Our Father and three Hail Mary's after each of the following nine salutations in honor of the nine choirs of angels.*

1st Salutation ~ By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial **Choir of Seraphim**, may the Lord make us worthy to burn with the fire of perfect charity. *Amen.*

2nd Salutation ~ By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial **Choir of Cherubim**, may the Lord vouchsafe to grant us grace to leave the ways of wickedness to run in the paths of Christian perfection. *Amen.*

3rd Salutation ~ By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial **Choir of Thrones**, may the Lord infuse into our hearts a true and sincere spirit of humility. *Amen.*

4th Salutation ~ By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial **Choir of Dominions**, may the Lord give us grace to govern our senses and subdue our unruly passions. *Amen.*

5th Salutation ~ By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial **Choir of Powers**, may the Lord vouchsafe to protect our souls against the snares and temptations of the devil. *Amen.*

6th Salutation ~ By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial **Choir of Virtues**, may the Lord preserve us from evil and suffer us not to fall into temptation. *Amen.*

7th Salutation ~ By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial **Choir of Principalities**, may God fill our souls with a true spirit of obedience. *Amen.*

8th Salutation ~ By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Archangels, may the Lord give us perseverance in faith and in all good works, in order that we gain the glory of Paradise. *Amen.*

9th Salutation ~ By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial Choir of Angels, may the Lord grant us to be protected by them in this mortal life and conducted hereafter to eternal glory. *Amen.*

+ Following the arrow on the diagram for numbers 10 through 13, say one Our Father in honor of each of the following leading angels:

10-St. Michael

11-St. Gabriel

12-St. Raphael

13-Our Guardian Angel

+ The chaplet is concluded with the following **ANTHEM**:

O glorious Prince St. Michael, chief and commander of the heavenly hosts, guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits, servant in the house of the Divine King, and our admirable conductor, thou who dost shine with excellence and superhuman virtue, vouchsafe to deliver us from all evil, who turn to thee with confidence, and enable us by thy gracious protection to serve God more and more faithfully every day.

V. Pray for us, O glorious St. Michael,
Prince of the Church of Jesus Christ.

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

PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God, who by a prodigy of goodness and a merciful desire for the salvation of all men, hast appointed the most glorious Archangel, St. Michael, Prince of Thy Church, make us worthy, we beseech Thee, to be delivered from all our enemies that none of them may harass us at the hour of death, but that we may be conducted by him into the august presence of Thy Divine Majesty. This we beg through the merits of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*