

Special Ablaze for Parish Family and Middle Schoolers: Consecration to Angels (3-28-20)

PRAYERS—“Saint Michael” and “Angel of God”

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;
be our protection 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, cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God’s love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and to guard, to rule and to guide. Amen.

SACRED SEVEN

- ___ 1. The creation of God refers to all that He made that is visible and material.
- ___ 2. Angels are spirits, not persons.
- ___ 3. Though I cannot see God, I have a guardian angel who always beholds the face of God the Father in Heaven.
- ___ 4. Christ is the center of the angelic world, and angels belong to Him because they were created through Him and for Him.
- ___ 5. When the priest prays, during the Preface at Mass, “with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of Heaven,” he is referring to choirs of angels singing with us in acclaiming God’s glory.
- ___ 6. Angels guard and adore Christ from His Incarnation to His Ascension, and they could have saved Him from His enemies who sought to crucify Him, if Christ had commanded them to do so.
- ___ 7. At Mass, only those persons who are seen are actually participating in the Holy Sacrifice.

ANGELS AND CONSECRATION TO THEM

- I. From *His Angels at Our Side* by Fr. John Horgan, as shared with me by parishioner Tom Walker—**The Nine Choirs of Angels:**
 - **Seraphim:** the angels closest to God. As such, they reflect most immediately the highest attribute of God in creation: His love. They are on fire with the love of God; their name means “incandescent ones” or “burning ones.”

- **Cherubim:** they have a deep intellectual knowledge of divine secrets and of the ultimate causes of things. As such, they constantly contemplate the wisdom and the love of God in His relationship with mankind.
- **Thrones:** they can be thought of as beings raised up to form the seat of God’s authority and mercy. These angels are especially concerned with divine judgments and ordinances.
- **Dominations:** these angels are concerned with the government of the universe, particularly involved in the workings of divine power. They coordinate the ministries of all the angels who deal with creation.
- **Virtues:** they exercise raw power over the physical universe. They are the lords of causality and the principles of cosmic order in the material realm. They ensure the well-being of the world.
- **Powers:** the choir of powers is thought to introduce man to the higher mysteries while repressing the attacks of the “hostile powers” of Hell against the deepest laws of physical creation.
- **Princes or Principalities:** they are often seen as being the guardians of nations or peoples; e.g., St. Michael described in Daniel as “the prince of Israel.”
- **Archangels:** the choir most known and loved in popular devotion. This name connotes leadership and authority in the heavenly realm, and they are associated with the protection of nations, dioceses, religious communities, and the mission of the Church.
- **Angels:** these are most involved with the doings of mankind. These are those sent out on missions from God and from whom the guardian angels are chosen.

II. Angels—the Creation and Fall:

- A. Angels were created as invisible persons who glorify God through worship and various works in Heaven, in the created order, and amongst men:
 1. They undergo an overall test and judgment before Man is tested and judged particularly.
 - a. Satan and his minions fall through pride and envy.
 - b. The angels remain humble servants of justice and mercy.
 2. Both the good angels and evil angels must obey God:
 - a. Good angels possess loving obedience to God’s will
 - b. Evil angels, by God’s permission, trouble the created order until Judgment Day and the definitive separation of Heaven from Hell.
- B. The Consecration to the Holy Angels (from Opus Angelorum, approved by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on May 31, 2000)

O Holy Angels of God, here, in the presence of the Triune God and in the love of Jesus Christ,
my

Lord and Redeemer, I, (Name), poor sinner, want to make a covenant with you, who are servants, so that in union with you, I might work with humility and fortitude for the glory of
God

and the coming of His Kingdom. Therefore, I implore you to assist me, especially—

in the adoration of God and the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar
in the contemplation of the word and the salvific works of God
in the imitation of Christ and in the love of His Cross in a spirit of expiation
in the faithful fulfillment of my mission within the Church,
serving humbly after the example of Mary, my heavenly Mother, your Queen.
And you, my good guardian angel, who continually behold the face of our Father in heaven,
God

entrusted me to you from the very beginning of my life. I thank you with all my heart for your loving care. I commit myself to you and promise you my love and fidelity. I beg you: protect me against my own weakness and against the attacks of the wicked spirits; enlighten my mind and my heart so that I may always know and accomplish the will of God; and lead me to union with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: “Renewal of Baptismal Promises,” “Angel of God,” “Saint Michael Prayer,” “Glory Be,” “The Anima Christi” (Spiritual Communion)
Mid-Day Prayer: “Veni Creator Spiritus”
- II. Mental Prayer During the Day (15-30 minutes):
 - A. The Rosary
 - B. Journal Meditation:
 1. 5-10 Minutes of Scriptural or spiritual reading
 2. 5-10 Minutes writing to either the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit
 3. 5-10 Minutes recording what you believe God is saying to you
- III. Nightly Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition:
 - A. Did I call on my guardian angel by praying the prayer “Angel of God”? Did I 1) allow this angel to guide me throughout the day and 2) invite him into each of my activities?
 - B. When I was tempted, and did I pray the “Saint Michael Prayer” for him to protect me and to assist me in the battle or trial?
 - C. Did I acknowledge the presence of angels and give them thanks for their work in creation and in their assistance to all humans?
 - D. Did I ask for my guardian angel to be present in difficult relationships and to work with the guardian angels of others people to improve my relationships with them?