

Angels

MORNING PRAYER

Monday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

REFLECTION

In the next few days we celebrate the Feast of our Guardian Angels and the Feast of the Archangels, so this week we take Angels as our theme.

Catholics believe in Angels: The scriptures are full of references to Angels, and the tradition of the Church has always included Angels in prayers, liturgies and other writings.

We might ask what are Angels like? How do we imagine them? Unlike us, they are entirely spiritual in nature, so it is hard to imagine them at all, but we know that like us, they are created by God, along with the rest of creation.

Think of Angels as *bright* creatures; They are bright because they reflect their Creator, who is Lightness personified.

Moreover, they're bright because they have such great knowledge of God;

So we can say that even the least intelligent human being has an Angel watching over him or her, who is infinitely more intelligent than all the wisest and cleverest people in the history of the world put together!

PRAYERS

We pray for those who are cast down and depressed; may they be filled with the light of hope.

Lord, hear us... **Lord graciously hear us.**

All you Angels and Archangels: **Pray for us.**

St Philip: **Pray for us.**

House Saint: **Pray for us.**

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From Sacred Scripture, we know the names of various types of Angels, and indeed the names of particular Angels. Here are some:

The *Cherubim* serve to bring God Himself towards his creation. The Hebrew root of the word means 'greatness', and they are the greatest of Angels because of their closeness to Almighty God, as God-bearers.

The *Seraphim* from the Hebrew word meaning 'to burn', are described as surrounding God like burning flames, and singing the glory of God. We use their song of praise in the *Sanctus* at Mass:- 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts' etc.

But above all, we know the names of three particular Archangels whose names describe their function of service to God:-

Mic-aEL which means 'who is like God' in Hebrew; He fights a war in the Book of the Apocalypse against Satan, the fallen angel.

Raph-aEL which means the 'the God who heals'; He is the patron of students, especially, of course, students of medicine.

Gab-riEL means 'The power of God'. He is the bearer of the good news of Christ, and brings that news first to Our Lady.

PRAYERS

Let us ask Mary, Queen of the Angels, to pray for us.

Hail Mary....

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St. Philip: **Pray for us.** *House Saint:* **Pray for us.**

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REFLECTION

We believe that the Angels in heaven surround Christ, in their service of God.

He is their head, and they do his bidding, acting as messengers from heaven, and serving Jesus during his life on earth:

On Christmas Eve, they announced his birth to the Shepherds, at his Baptism, they go with him into the desert to serve him.

An Angel appears to Jesus in his agony to comfort him.

On Easter morning, Angels in the form of young men in glowing robes guard the tomb, and announce to the women the news that the Lord has risen from the dead,

And at the Last Judgement, Scripture says that Christ will come, surrounded with Angels.

Each one of us has a Guardian Angel, and they exist to bring Christ and his saving message near to us, and guard us against evil.

They are never far from us, praying for us and for our spiritual safety.

We need to remember that Satan, the fallen angel, wants to tempt us away from Christ and we can ask our Guardian Angel always to protect us from his sinful influence.

PRAYERS

Let us ask our Guardian Angels to pray for us, and to protect us from the evil one.

Lord hear us... **Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray that the Angels who brought the message of peace and goodwill to the world, might inspire our world leaders to work for peace.

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ROSARY REFLECTION

Today, in the week when we are reflecting on Angels, let us say together the 1st Joyful Mystery, when the Angel Gabriel brought the Good news of Jesus' birth to his mother Mary.

Let us offer it with the prayer that our Guardian Angels might bring us His good news as well.

FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE ANNUNCIATION

The angel said to Mary, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.'

1x Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day....

10x Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary...

1x Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was...In the name...

Friday

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FRIDAY PRAYER

Remember that you can go to the chapel for confession this lunchtime if you wish to receive God's loving forgiveness.

In the Bible, we read how the Archangel Michael does battle with the fallen angel Satan, whose name once meant Lucifer, or 'light bearer', but now means Satan, 'the opposer'.

Let us say together the **Prayer to St Michael:**

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our defence 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,

thrust down into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.