

About the 7 Archangels

Archangel Gabriel

St. Gabriel is the bearer of God's secret messages to His chosen ones. He is the Angel who announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary God's plan for her to be the Mother of His Son, Jesus (*Luke 1:19*). He was also the Angel who foretold to Daniel the end of the world. (*Dan. 8:19; 9:21*).

Reflections

How faithful am I in bringing God's message of love to the people as St. Gabriel brought faithfully and promptly the message of love incarnate to the Blessed Virgin Mary?
How attentive am I in listening to God's words and voice as He talks to me in my everyday life?
Am I following the footsteps of Jesus and am I ready to carry the cross that He has given me?
Do I project God's love to others by my exemplary life?

Archangel Rafael

St. Raphael is the Archangel of the Christian's journey to heaven. He is assigned by God to accompany us along the way of our pilgrimage in search of the treasures of real happiness which God has in store for all His children. He also gives the light to discern correctly God's ways and protects us from the dangers that befall us on our way to our heavenly home. As his name Raphael connotes, "medicine of God," he is the Angel that brings good health and abundant provisions during our journey. (*Tob. 8:3; 12:15*).

Reflections

Am I aware that my life here on earth is a pilgrimage to heaven?
During my journey, do I contemplate the past and prepare myself for tomorrow to meet my God?
Do I prefer to gain material riches than that of the upliftment of my soul in anticipation of the divine judgment of God?
Do I pray for others who are at present dying or sick aside from myself?

Archangel Uriel

St. Uriel, with the weighing scale in his hand, reminds us of divine justice that weighs according to its true worth whatever good we do and whatever doings we commit in relation to God, to our neighbors or to ourselves, both as individuals and as a community of nations. He also reminds us of the terrible judgment of God upon the world for the human pride and godlessness with which human affairs are conducted. These are now fast bringing mankind towards the throes of its own destruction. (*Book of Enoch and IV Esd. 4, 1*).

Reflections

Do I love God above all persons and things?
How do I deal with God's commandments?
Do I treat others justly?
Do I help those who are victims of injustices?

Archangel Sealtiel

St. Sealtiel continually stands before God, with incense in hand in unceasing adoration of the Most Holy Trinity. As the Archangel of contemplation and worship, his angelic purity transforms the love and worship which we mortals give to God. We need St. Sealtiel's powerful intercession before God's throne to overcome the evils of hedonism in our day. May the evils of drug addiction, sex exploitation and abortion become things of discredited past. May endless hymns of praise rise from all peoples as they chant in union with the Heavenly Choirs of Angels, in perpetual thanksgiving for God's bountiful blessings. He is known to be the angel who stopped Abraham from killing his son Isaac as a sacrifice. (*Gen. 22:12*)

Reflections

Do I take time to pray and reflect during some moments of the day?
Do I praise and thank God for every blessing in my life?
Do I pray with filial trust and confidence in God?
Do I make my life prayer of praise and thanksgiving?

Archangel Jhudiel

God's mercy comes to us every moment of our lives. Without it, we would die. With it, God provides us the graces we need for our bodies. Mercy is God's love helping us fight the temptations of life and obtain forgiveness for our sins. Mercy is grace for bodily and spiritual needs. Mercy is God Himself through the merits of Jesus Christ bringing us back to our Heavenly Home.

Reflections

How do I show mercy to others?
Do I easily forgive those who have sinned against me?
Do I extend a helping hand to those who are in need of my help without expecting any reward in return?
Do I share God's blessings to my less fortunate brothers and sisters?

Archangel Barachiel

Through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ, His passion, death and resurrection, all His disciples are brought to a transforming union with Him. Through His transformation in love, the soul becomes Christ-like. As such, every Christ-like soul becomes, by adoption, the child of the Father. St. Barachiel is the Archangel who was assigned by God to keep watch over His adopted children, taking care that He and the Choirs of Angels assigned to the task guard these transformed souls in all their ways, bearing them up in their hands, "lest they dash their feet against the stone on their way to their heavenly home." (*Psalms 91, 12*)

Reflections

Do I realize that to be Christlike means to follow God's commandments?
How do I grow in the qualities of Christ called virtues?
Do I pray to my Guardian Angel?
Does his presence remind me of God's protection and care?

Archangel Michael

St. Michael is the Commander-in-Chief of all the hierarchies of the Heavenly Hosts. He is usually known as the Angel who defeated Lucifer and his followers in the first rebellion of creatures against God. By his battlecry: "Mi-ca-el" which means "Who is like unto God?", he was named Michael. He is the first defender of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Mystery of the Incarnation. He is usually associated with the miracles manifesting the almighty power of God with the Blessed Virgin Mary. (*Dan. 10:12; 12:1; Apoc. 12:7*).

Reflections

How strong is my faith in God?
Do I firmly believe that He constantly watches me in all my undertakings?
Do I reject sin and all the works, promises and influence of Satan?
Do I commit myself faithfully to Jesus Christ by serving and loving my neighbors?