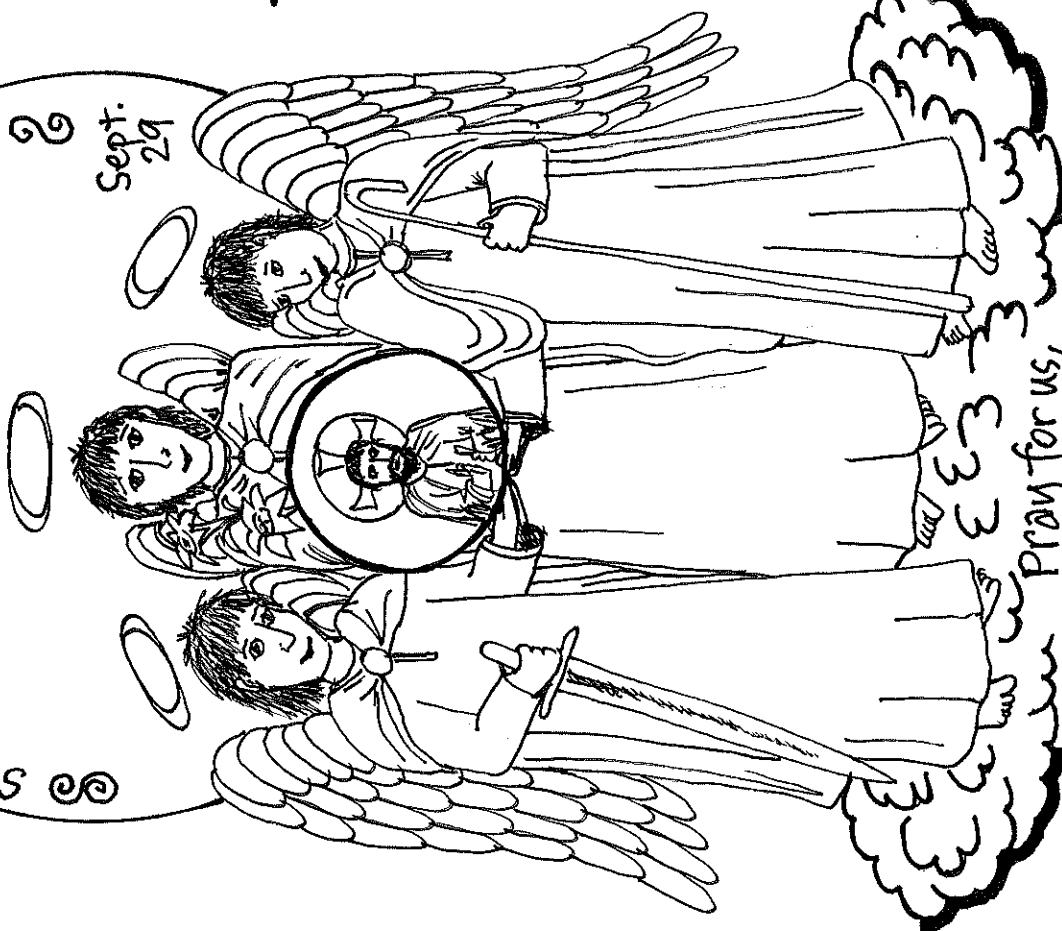


ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, ST. RAPHAEL  
ARCHANGELS

Sept. 29



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Pray for us,  
Holy Angels of God.

## Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels (September 29)

Archangels are messengers of God who serve in heaven and are sent by God to help people. Of the seven ranks of angels mentioned in the Bible, an Archangel is the second lowest rank, right above angels. These three Archangels are mentioned in the Bible. All of their names end in "el," which is a reference to "Elohim," one of the names of God in the Old Testament.



**Michael**, whose name means "Who is like God?" is the angel who led the battle against the fallen angels. Michael is mentioned in the Book of Daniel and Revelation. He is the one who casts Satan out of heaven. Michael is the patron saint of soldiers and police officers. We say the prayer to St. Michael after every Mass.

**Raphael**, whose name means "God who heals" was sent by God in answer to the prayers of Tobit and Sarah. He is mentioned in the book of Tobit. He accompanies Tobit's son Tobias on a journey and drives away a demon from Sarah and heals Tobit's blindness. He is the patron saint of travelers.

**Gabriel**, whose name means "Strength of God," is sent by God to the Virgin Mary to announce the birth of God's Son, Jesus. Gabriel also announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah (Luke's Gospel). He is also mentioned in the Book of Daniel. Gabriel is the patron saint of postal and telephone workers.

The angels in heaven are eager to help us—they are filled with the love and joy of the Lord and seek to protect and guide us.

*After reading the story, see if you can choose the correct Archangel :*

1. Which Archangel's name means "God who heals"?  
**Michael      Gabriel      Raphael**
2. Which Archangel's name means "Who is like God"?  
**Michael      Gabriel      Raphael**
3. Which Archangel's name means "Strength of God"?  
**Michael      Gabriel      Raphael**
4. Which Archangel fought Satan and cast him out of heaven?  
**Michael      Gabriel      Raphael**
5. Which Archangel went with Tobias on a journey?  
**Michael      Gabriel      Raphael**
6. Which Archangel was sent to Zechariah and the Virgin Mary?  
**Michael      Gabriel      Raphael**
7. Which Archangel is mentioned in the Book of Revelation?  
**Michael      Gabriel      Raphael**
8. Which Archangel is the patron of travelers?  
**Michael      Gabriel      Raphael**
9. Which Archangel is the patron of telephone and postal workers?  
**Michael      Gabriel      Raphael**
10. Which Archangel is the patron of soldiers and police?  
**Michael      Gabriel      Raphael**

**Preface to Eucharistic Prayer  
for the Feast of the Archangels**

"In your Word, the glorious Lord of the universe, you have also given life to the spiritual beings who in your kingdom have the joyful task of being for you an everlasting crown. The rebellious angels were cast down into the infernal abyss, but the choirs of angels and archangels sing to you for all eternity their hymn of fidelity and love. And we, hoping one day to share in their beatific existence, now join their eternal chorus of adoration and bliss, raising to you, O Father, our hymn of praise."

*Answers to Which Archangel questions...*

1. Raphael
2. Michael
3. Gabriel
4. Michael
5. Raphael
6. Gabriel
7. Michael
8. Raphael
9. Gabriel
10. Michael

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