

Sunday, November 17, 2024
Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Morning

The Lord is magnificent in his angels. Come, let us adore him.

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn

Meter: LM

O Jesus, Life-spring of the soul,
The Father's pow'r and glory bright,
Thee with the angels we extol;
From thee they draw their life and light.
Thy thousand thousand hosts are spread
Embattled o'er the azure sky,
But Michael bears thy standard dread
And lifts the mighty Cross on high.
He in that Sign the rebel pow'rs
Did with their dragon prince expel,
And hurled them from the heav'ns' high tow'rs
Down like a thunderbolt to hell.
Grant us with Michael still, O Lord,
Against the prince of pride to fight;
So may a crown be our reward
Before the Lamb's pure throne of light.

Psalm **148:1-4, 13-14**

See, I am sending an angel before you, to guard you on the way and bring you to the place I have prepared. (Ex 23:20)

In the midst of today's society, it is tempting to neglect anything that seems "too supernatural." The idea of angels, especially of our reliance upon them, may seem quaint to some. However, the Holy Scriptures show us that angels are a very real, important, and beautiful part of God's plan for our salvation and sanctification. Let us give thanks for these wonderful beings who love us and seek our good.

**Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, shining stars.
Praise him, highest heavens
and the waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord
for he alone is exalted.

The splendor of his name
reaches beyond heaven and earth.
He exalts the strength of his people.
He is the praise of all his saints,
of the sons of Israel,
of the people to whom he comes close.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Revelation 12:7-9

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.

He will send out the angels and gather [his] elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. (Mk 13:27)

Canticle of Zechariah

The angel showed me the river of life-giving water, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. (Rv 22:1)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on

those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

Intercessions

The Lord our God shows his love for us by sending us angels to protect and guard us. Let us pray to him:

R/Father, protect us.

Through our guardian angels: **R/**

From all the snares and enticements of the evil one: **R/**

From all that would separate us from your love: **R/**
Personal intentions

Our Father....

O God, who have given us the precious gift of angels to shield us from the powers of evil, look with mercy on us your servants as we struggle to follow the way of truth. May our faith in you lead us to our heavenly home, where we may praise you in the company of the angels for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Reading 1 **Daniel 12:1-3**

In those days, I, Daniel, heard this word of the Lord:/ "At that time there shall arise/ Michael, the great prince,/ guardian of your people;/ it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress/ since nations began until that time./ At that time your people shall escape,/ everyone who is found written in the book.

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;/ some shall live forever,/ others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

"But the wise shall shine brightly/ like the splendor of the firmament,/ and those who lead the many to justice/ shall be like the stars forever."

Reading 2 **Hebrews 10:11-14, 18**

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this

one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

Gospel **Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation/ the sun will be darkened,/ and the moon will not give its light,/ and the stars will be falling from the sky,/ and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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