

Prayer of the Church, Sep 26,2021 - St Michael and All Angels

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for having ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and human beings in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your command they may help and defend us on earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory; and angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim adore you in unceasing chorus. Give your Church the voice and the faith to join their song. Make its worship a foretaste of heaven, and its proclamation a strong witness to the blood of the lamb, Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless this congregation and make it rich in faith toward you and in love for one another. Remind us especially that the little ones among us have their angels pleading for them before your throne. Help us therefore not to put a stumbling-block before them, but instead to be merciful and gracious. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May your holy angels bless, strengthen and defend your little ones who endure great suffering on account of Jesus. Grant that their time of persecution may speedily end; and convict the hearts of all who torment them, so they may repent and believe in the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Michael is the defender of Israel and head of the angel host, so we pray that your holy angels would bring wise counsel to the leaders of every nation, and defend your people. Keep us safe in your care; teach us those things which make for peace; and preserve us in harmony and righteousness until that day when you make all things new. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the homeless, the neglected and needy; the destitute, sick and aged; the disabled and mentally ill; those who are abused, and their abusers; unborn children, and mothers who are tempted or pressured to abort them. Shelter them with your tender care; and help us to bring them healing, hope, forgiveness and friendship. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those we know to be in particular need this day, that your holy angels have charge of them, so that the Evil One have no power over them: for (*names*), and others we now name silently to you... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you for the victory your Son has won over sin and death, and for those departed loved ones who now rest in your presence. Bring us into the blessedness of eternal life; where the whole company of the redeemed together with the angels, shall see you face to face, and adore you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things we ask in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, **Amen.**