

of man's salvation; you must give place to Christ in Whom you have found none of your works; you must give place to the authority of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church acquired by Christ at the price of His Blood. May our Lord Jesus Christ command you to stoop beneath the all-powerful Hand of God and to tremble and flee when the Holy and majestic Name of Jesus is invoked, ✠ this Name which causes hell to tremble, this Name to which the Virtues, Powers, and Dominations of Heaven are humbly submissive, this Name which the Cherubim and Seraphim praise unceasingly, repeating: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord, the God of Hosts.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto You.

Let us pray.—Lord, Holy Father, God of Heaven, God of Earth, God of Archangels, God of Angels, God of Patriarchs, God of Prophets, God of Apostles, God of Martyrs, God of Confessors, God of Virgins, God Who has power to give life after death and rest after work, because there is no other God than You and there can be no other, for You are the Creator of all things, visible and invisible, of Whose reign there shall be no end, I humbly prostrate myself before Your glorious Majesty, and I beseech You to deliver me by Your power from the tyranny of the infernal spirits, from their snares, their lies, and their furious wickedness. Deign, O Lord, to grant me Your powerful protection and to keep me safe through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, through all the ages of ages. Amen.

From the snares of the devil,

— deliver me, O Lord.

That I may serve You in peace and liberty,

— I beseech You to hear me.

That You may crush the power of the enemies of Your Church,

— I beseech You to hear me.

PRAYER AGAINST SATAN AND THE REBELLIOUS ANGELS

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The following is a private prayer that can be said to curb the power of the devil and prevent him from doing harm. Its use is recommended whenever demonic activity is suspected.

Note that the original English translation of this prayer was intended to be used by a priest whose spiritual authority derives from his ordination, and so it can be dangerous when lay individuals try to command demons through their own personal power. Accordingly, I have edited the text so that the laity can say this prayer safely by calling upon our Lord Jesus Christ to act on our behalf to command the demons.

Still, as powerful as this prayer is, the demons will just keep coming back unless you close off your openings to evil. Thus it is critical that your life be governed by chastity, modesty, humility, constant prayer, and detachment from social acceptance and approval.

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The crosses [✠] indicate that the Sign of the Cross is to be made silently at that time.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

MOST glorious Prince of the Heavenly Host, Saint Michael the Archangel, defend me in the battle against principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places. Come to the assistance of me whom God has created to His likeness and whom He has redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of the devil. Holy Church venerates you as Her guardian and protector; to you, the Lord has entrusted the souls of the redeemed to be led into Heaven. Pray therefore the God of Peace to crush the power of Satan here, that he may be prevented from doing injury to me. Offer my prayers to the Most High, that they may readily draw His mercy down upon me; take hold of the dragon, the old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and bind him so that he may be thwarted in seeking the ruin of my soul.

EXORCISM

IN the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the intercession of the Immaculate Mary ever Virgin, Mother of God, of Blessed Michael the Archangel, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul and all the Saints, may the attacks and deceits of the devil be here repulsed.

GOD arises; His enemies are scattered and those who hate Him flee before Him. As smoke is driven away, so are they driven; as wax melts before the fire, so the wicked perish at the presence of God.

V. Behold the Cross of the Lord, flee bands of enemies.

R. He has conquered, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the offspring of David.

V. May Your mercy, Lord, descend upon me.

R. As great as my hope in You.

MAY our Lord Jesus Christ drive you from here, whoever you may be, unclean spirits, all satanic powers, all infernal invaders, all wicked legions, assemblies, and sects; in the name of and by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ may you be rebuked and driven away from me, for my soul was made to the image and likeness of God and redeemed by the Precious Blood of the Divine Lamb. ✠ Most cunning serpent, may our Lord Jesus Christ command that your power to deceive me, persecute me, and torment me be bound. ✠ The Most High God commands you, ✠ He Whom, in your great insolence, you defy and resist, He Who wants all mankind to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. God the Father commands you. ✠ God the Son commands you. ✠ God the Holy Spirit commands you. ✠ Christ, God's Word made flesh, commands you, ✠ He Who to save our race outdone through your envy, humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, He Who has built His Church on the firm rock and declared that the gates of hell shall not prevail against Her, because He will dwell with Her all days even to the end of the world. The sacred Sign of the Cross commands you, ✠ as does also the power of the mysteries of the Christian Faith. ✠ The glorious Mother of God, the Ever-Virgin Mary, commands you. ✠ The blood of the Martyrs and the pious intercession of all the Saints command you. ✠

THUS, cursed dragon, and you, diabolical legions, may you be adjured by the living God, ✠ by the true God, ✠ by the holy God, ✠ by the God Who so loved the world that He gave His only Son to us, that every soul believing in Him might not perish but have life everlasting. May our Lord Jesus Christ command you now to cease deceiving me and pouring out to me the poison of eternal damnation. ✠ May our Lord Jesus Christ command you now to cease harming me and hindering my liberty, ✠ and so you must flee, Satan, inventor and master of all deceit, enemy