

PRAYER TO YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

O angel of God,
my holy guardian,
given to me from heaven,
enlighten me this day,
and save me from all evil.
Instruct me in doing good deeds,
and set me on the path of salvation.
Amen.



Guardian Angel



Enlighten me this day!

ANGELS

In the Creed, it says: “I believe in **one God maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**”

The **invisible, angelic world** was created by God before the visible world. “When the stars were made, all My angels praised Me with a loud voice” (Job 38:7). At the time when the earth was created, angels already served Him.

Angels are active spirits. They can think, and they have knowledge. They serve God. They fulfill God’s will. And they praise Him.

Angels are “incorporeal” (bodiless) spirits; that means that they do not have bodies made of flesh as people have. Because they belong to the invisible world, they cannot be seen by our bodily eyes.

Angels are the **most perfect spirits**, superior to man in their spiritual powers. **Immortality** is one of the qualities of angels; that means that they live forever with God -- they do not die.

Holy Scripture (the Bible) tells us that the world of angels is immeasurable; their number cannot be counted. When the Prophet Daniel saw a vision, he saw that “thousand thousands ministered unto Him (God), and ten thousands of myriads attended upon Him” (Daniel 7:10). A multitude of the **heavenly host (angels)** are also described as singing at the nativity (birth) of Christ.

According to the vision of the Prophet Daniel, there are angels to whom God entrusts care of the countries and the peoples of the earth (Daniel Chapters 10-12). The **Archangel Michael** is one of them.

Every person has his or her own Guardian Angel. Christ said: “Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones, for I say unto you, that in heaven **their angels do always behold the face of My Father Who is in heaven**” (Matthew 18:10).

Our Guardian Angels watch over us. They help us to keep God’s Commandments. They protect us from spiritual harm (evil) by reminding us not to do something wrong (helping us to listen to our conscience). They love us and pray for us.

THINK ABOUT IT ...

1. The angels:
 - (a) are invisible
 - (b) are active
 - (c) praise God
 - (d) all of the above
2. The number of angels:
 - (a) seven
 - (b) nine
 - (c) a million
 - (d) too many to be counted
3. The word “incorporeal” means:
 - (a) a corporation or a company
 - (b) not having a flesh body
 - (c) unconcerned
 - (d) having no income
4. What can’t angels do:
 - (a) help people
 - (b) pray
 - (c) die
 - (d) sing
5. The “heavenly host” is a phrase that refers to:
 - (a) Holy Communion
 - (b) people who are good and kind
 - (c) an invitation
 - (d) many angels
6. Who has a Guardian Angel?
 - (a) every person
 - (b) only children
 - (c) only people who ask for one
 - (d) only people who are in danger
7. What do our Guardian Angels do for us?
 - (a) watch over us
 - (b) love us
 - (c) protect us
 - (d) all of the above