

# Prayer for the Triumph of Good and the Overcoming of Evil

## Intercessions

*One or more of the following intercessions are to be included as the final addition(s) to your standard General Intercessions for all Sunday (weekend) masses, and on any Solemnities in the Diocese of Madison. They may be included at other parish masses at the discretion of the celebrant.*

That the Holy Spirit may grant us wisdom to discern what is Evil in our world and the strength to overcome it through prayer and God's grace, we pray to the Lord.

*Or*

For an end to war and violence, abortion and euthanasia, poverty and racism, human trafficking and domestic abuse, and all acts of Satan in our world, let us pray to the Lord.

*Or*

For the courage to live out our Baptism in Christ even when it places us at odds with the norms of the world and sensibilities to our neighbors, we pray to the Lord.

*Or*

That we do not become entrapped by the lure of Satan's snare, by the pleasure of sin or the by the complacency of self-righteousness, and that we carefully follow the guidance of the Church—Christ's Body, we pray to the Lord.

*Or*

That through our prayers and deeds the Light of Christ may overcome the darkness of evil in our world, our families and our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

*Or*

For heavenly protection against the evil spirits that prowl our world, let us pray to the Lord.

*Or*

That, through the intercession of Saint Michael the Archangel, we may be kept safe from the wickedness and enticement of the Devil.

*Or*

For the grace to reject Satan, the author and prince of sin and evil, we pray to the Lord.

*Or*

For the grace to daily renounce Satan and all of his works and empty show, we pray to the Lord.

*Following the intercessions, the priest introduces the Saint Michael Prayer, which takes the place of the Collect, in these or similar words:*

We lift up these prayers to you, our good and gracious Father, asking particularly the intercession of ‘the great prince of angels and guardian of your people’:

St. Michael the Archangel...

**... defend us in battle.**

**Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.**

**May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,**

**and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,**

**cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,**

**who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.**

**Amen.**

*The people are seated for the preparation of the gifts.*