



A NOVENA TO ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

DAY 1

September 21

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE

For the clergy of the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, on this feast of Saint Matthew we ask you to pour forth your blessings upon our clergy — the priests and deacons of our new parish. As they minister at your altar, instruct us in your Word, and lay down their lives for your people, confirm them in the grace of their ordination. Shape their hearts according to your Sacred Heart, making them single-minded in service to you and to the Church. By your grace make them shining examples of a holy and joyful life lived for your glory and the salvation of others. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After each prayer for the day, conclude with the following:

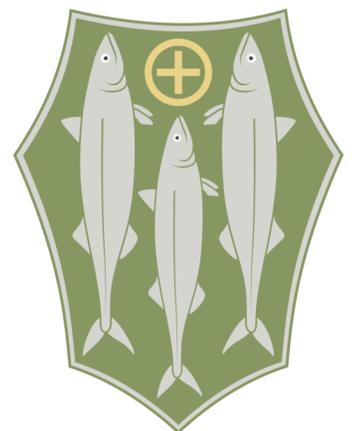
Prayer to St. Raphael

Glorious archangel St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, illustrious by your gifts of wisdom and grace, guide of travelers by land and sea, consoler to the unfortunate and refuge of sinners, I entreat you to help me in all my needs and in all the trials of this life, as you once assisted the young Tobias in his journeying. And since you are the “physician of God,” I humbly pray to you to heal my soul of its many infirmities and my body of the ills that afflict it, if this favor is for my greater good. I ask especially for angelic purity, that I may be made fit to be the living temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

— Pope Leo XIII. (adapted)

Say one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.
Saint Margaret of Scotland, pray for us.
Saints Simon and Jude, pray for us.
Saint Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.



DAY 2

September 22

THURSDAY OF THE 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

For the families of the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, when you took on our humanity and dwelled among us, you lived as a member of a human family, growing in grace and truth under the protection of Saint Joseph and your Blessed Mother. May we always look to the Holy Family of Nazareth as an inspiration and guide, and grant that the families of our parish may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic Churches. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 3

September 23

ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

For the children of the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, out of the mouths of children you have fashioned a perfect hymn of praise. Through the intercession of St. Padre Pio, look with kindness on the children of our new parish. Your Son gladly welcomed little children, taking them in his arms, blessing them, and holding them up as an example for all. Bless our children, too, that they may grow in Christian maturity and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's witnesses in the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 4

September 24

SATURDAY OF THE 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

For the elderly, sick, and homebound of the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the elderly of our parish, along with the sick and the homebound. Let us always minister to them with the care and affection which are their due, and let them praise you for the goodness which you have shown them throughout their lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 5

September 25

THE PARISH SOLEMNITY OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

For an increase of devotion in the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, as we celebrate Mass today and honor our patron St. Raphael, stir in our hearts the water of devotion. Fill this parish with the desire to honor and love you in all things, so that the good work you begin in us now may come to perfection in heaven. Through the intercession of St. Raphael the Archangel, make this journey rich in devotion and rooted in love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 6

September 26

MONDAY OF THE 26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

For the unemployed and those experiencing financial hardship in the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to be close to the unemployed and those facing financial hardship during these trying times. Inspire us to be brothers and sisters to all those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide our leaders and the people of our parish to use their public and private wealth so that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 7

September 27

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

For the staff and volunteers of the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, in your kindness bless the staff of our parish and the generous volunteers who make possible the many ministries of our churches. Deepen in all of us an awareness of our gifts and talents, showing us how they might be used for your glory and the salvation of our neighbors. Call us to a greater zeal and fidelity, and as we labor in your Church, prosper the work of our hands for the furthering of your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 8

September 28

WEDNESDAY OF THE 26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

For an increase of joy in the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, in the gospel today, Jesus says, "Follow me." Today, give us the grace to abandon ourselves to your greater design for our lives. As we continue the work of our parish, help us to realize that happiness is to be found in following your will wherever it leads us. Free us from all self-regard, self-reliance, and self-importance, and fill us instead with the joy of your grace through the reassurance that God is indeed with us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 9

September 29

FEAST OF SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL

For an increase in humble trust in the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, with your help and the help of the mighty archangels we know we are not alone in the struggles in our lives and world. Help us to find your holy presence in our brothers and sisters. Calm our anxieties and fears and guide us according to your will. We ask for humble faith, obedient to the promptings of your Spirit and trusting in your providence.

Saint Raphael, offer my prayers to God as you offered those of Tobiah, so that through your intercession I may obtain the graces necessary for the salvation of my soul through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Michael, pray for us.
Saint Gabriel, pray for us.
Saint Raphael, pray for us.