

# Archangel Michael – a model of discipline and faithful service



## Who is Archangel Michael?

Saint Michael the Archangel is one of the most important angels mentioned in Sacred Scripture. His name means **“Who is like God?”**, a powerful reminder that God alone is worthy of worship and obedience.

The Bible presents Michael as a leader of the heavenly hosts and a defender of God's people. He appears in the Book of Daniel, the Letter of Jude, and most prominently in the Book of Revelation, where he leads the forces of heaven against the powers of evil.

## Leader of the heavenly host

The Book of Revelation describes a great battle in heaven:

**“Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.”** (Revelation 12:7)

Michael does not act for his own glory. He acts in obedience to God and in fulfillment of his

mission. He leads with discipline, courage, and unwavering commitment to what is right. His example shows that true authority is exercised through faithful service rather than personal ambition.

## Perfect obedience and order

One of Michael's most striking characteristics is his complete fidelity to God.

Unlike the fallen angels who rebelled against God, Michael remained faithful. He chose obedience over pride and service over self-interest.

This is why Christian tradition sees him as a powerful symbol of discipline. Michael demonstrates that discipline is not merely following rules. True discipline is the ability to remain committed to truth, duty, and right conduct even when faced with temptation or opposition.

## Defender of good and protector of others

Michael's mission is not focused on himself. He serves God by protecting others and opposing evil.

For this reason, he is often regarded as the patron and protector of soldiers, police officers, and all who are called to defend others.

His example teaches that strength must always be guided by moral purpose. Power without discipline can become destructive, but disciplined strength serves justice, peace, and the common good.

### **Why is Archangel Michael venerated?**

Archangel Michael is honoured because he embodies faithfulness, courage, discipline, and obedience to God's will.

He reminds believers that every mission should be carried out with integrity, order, and a clear sense of purpose.

Throughout the centuries, Christians have looked to Saint Michael as a protector in times of danger and as an example of steadfast service.

### **What can we learn from Archangel Michael?**

Archangel Michael remains a powerful role model, especially for military personnel.

His example reminds us that:

- Discipline requires self-control and commitment to duty.
- Propriety means acting with integrity and respect.
- Leadership is rooted in service rather than personal gain.
- Order and responsibility are essential for every mission.
- Courage is strongest when guided by moral principles.

Military personnel are entrusted with special responsibilities. Technical skill and courage are important, but so are discipline, integrity, and respect for others.

**Archangel Michael teaches that true strength is found in faithful service, disciplined action, and unwavering commitment to what is right.**

### **Feast Day**

The feast of **Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels** is celebrated on **29**

**September**. Saint Michael is honoured throughout the world as the protector of the Church and a patron of all who dedicate their lives to serving and defending others.