

## Opening Prayer:

Prayer to the Guardian Angel



## Prayer To Your Guardian Angel

Angel of God,  
my guardian dear,  
To whom God's love  
commits me here,  
Ever this day,  
be at my side,  
To light and guard,  
Rule and guide.

Amen.

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"From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their (the angels) watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united to God."

- from the Catechism of the Catholic Church;  
336.

## Overview:

1. Discuss the Catholic Church's teachings on the Angles
2. Read scriptural references
3. Personal testimonies

## Questions:

1. Do angles really exist?
2. If they do, what do they look like?
3. Are angles mentioned in the Bible?
4. Did Jesus interact with Angles?
5. Did angles help Jesus?
6. Are we supposed to imitate Jesus?

# Angles

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## Some Catholic Church teachings on Angles:

- 1) Who?
  - a) God made spiritual beings we call angles to share in his glory and to be a part of his life. Throughout salvation history, Angels participate in God's work of love to redeem us. They unceasingly serve and adore God.
- 2) What?
  - a) Angels are spiritual, non-corporeal, immortal beings, with intelligence and will, created by God to act as his messengers and serve him in other ways.
  - b) At their creation, the angels make a permanent choice **for** or **against** God: those who rejected God all the fallen angels also called demons who are led by Satan.
  - c) Angels have no family life: they do not procreate: they are each their own species.
- 3) When?
  - a) Angels have existed since creation and serve throughout the history of salvation from the closure of Eden to the second coming of Christ.
- 4) Why?
  - a) Angels are messengers in service of God and his son Jesus.
  - b) Angels are protectors of God's human creatures.
  - c) Angels all proclaimers of Jesus incarnation and his resurrection.
  - d) Angels are always beholding the face of God and angels adore praise and glorify Him continually for us.
- 5) Are there bad angles?
  - a) Angels who reject God are the fallen angels or demons.
  - b) Since bad angels are eternal beings, they cannot repent of the choice they made at their creation because at the time of their creation they had the perfection of knowledge. They have no reason to repent.

## Scripture references

Angles at the beginning of creation:

Gen. 3:20-24 (page - 11)

**Arch-angel Raphael** (God has healed)

Tobit 12:11-15 (page 439)

**Arch-angel Gabriel** (Man of God)

Luke 1:26-35 (page 1093)

**Arch-angel Michael** (He who is closest to God)

Revelations 12:7-9 (page 1384)

**Guardian angles**

Matthew 18:10 (page 1038)

Psalms 91: 9-13 (page 602)

**Angels ministering to Jesus**

Mathew 4:1-3, 11 (1013)

Luke 22:39-46 (1130)

Acts 1:9-11 (1171)