

# Prayers of the People for Sunday October 30

## St Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas)

**Bidding:** God of the angels, hear our prayer  
**And draw us to yourself.**

Everlasting God  
you have ordained and constituted  
the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:  
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,  
so, at your command,  
they may help and defend us on earth:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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May you and your holy angels indeed help and defend all

- who are affected by the violence of war, and the ongoing unrest in the Middle East and Europe,
- who are facing rapid and unwelcome change to their communities,
- are victims of exploitation and modern slavery,
- have been displaced by natural and environmental disasters, and
- have lost their land, homes and loved ones,

God of the angels, hear our prayer  
**And draw us to yourself.**

May you and your holy angels continue to help and defend your Church, and  
within that, the Parish of St Peter. from

- Internal divisions and petty squabbles
- Gatekeeping and territorialism,
- excessive legalism
- the ideologies of the world
- exclusivity and “cliquiness”, and,
- any other practices which hinder her mission to reflect your love to all.

Instead let us be reminded that:

Christ has no body, but ours,  
no hands, no feet on earth, but ours.

We are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world.

Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Ours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

And that stranger who enters though our red doors may indeed be an angel unaware!

*St Teresa of Avila, adapted*

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May you and your holy angels continue to help and defend

- all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit,
- all who are excluded, because of their faith, race, gender, relationships, or because their face does not fit,
- all who are lonely, isolated or grieving,
- all who are homeless or trapped in unhappy or unsafe homes, and,
- all who simply wonder where their next meal might be coming from.

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**And draw us to yourself.**

Let us give thanks for Michael and your saints in every age:

Give rest to the departed, O Christ with all your saints.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them

+May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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*St Ignatius of Loyola*

As St Michael and all his Angels fought against the dragon and won,  
help us O God to see our own “dragons” and to gain victory over them,  
so that we may help your angels in proclaiming the eternal Gospel here on earth, and  
our voices join with their eternal songs of praise,  
when we too come to those inexpressible joys  
which you have prepared for we who truly love you.  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**And draw us to yourself.**

Amen.