



## Archangel Michael Protection Rite

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Archangel Michael is one of the most beloved of the heavenly hosts, enjoying a wide popularity with practitioners from many different spiritual backgrounds. His name means "Who is like God?"; a rhetorical question, the implication of which is to underscore that God is unique and none may compare. Be that as it may, Michael is considered by tradition to be the first of God's heavenly creatures, and as such is the captain of all the angels. It was he who defeated Satan in the War of Light and Darkness, and it is to him whom we may call upon for protection in times of stress or danger, regardless of our own spiritual background or beliefs.

### Items needed:

- One St. Michael candle (*alternatively, you can use a white, yellow, or gold candle*)
- Burning Herbs: A mixture of dried Angelica, Sage, and Dragon's Blood, for burning on a charcoal.
- Archangel Michael oil (*or an oil/herb combination containing an odd number of appropriate herbs, such as Angelica, Acacia, Bay, Sunflower, Lovage, Marigold, Heliotrope, Hibiscus, Rowan, Marigold or Oak*).
- Protection oil (*such as Fiery Wall of Protection, Watchful Eye of Protection, or an oil/herb combination containing protective herbs such as Blessed Thistle, Agrimony, Chamomile, Devil's Shoe String, Ginger, Lemon Grass, etc.*)
- Eleven pieces of citrine, ruby, tiger's eye, or clear quartz
- "The Sun" card from your favorite Tarot deck
- A piece of yellow construction paper
- A purple ink pen

On a Sunday, prepare your working area by fumigating it by burning your dried herbs. Imagine the holy light of God Herself permeating the smoke and everything in your immediate environment.

Prepare a petition paper with the yellow paper using the purple pen. Make sure that your name and the names of all who you wish to have protected appear on the paper, and surround these names with a circle comprised by the repeating name "Michael". Anoint the four corners and the center of this paper with both the Protection and the Archangel Michael oils.

Dress your St. Michael candle with the oil and make a heartfelt prayer that his presence move into your life to protect you, your loved ones, and your home from all harm. Place it on top of your folded petition paper in the center of your altar/working area.

Dress each of the stone pieces with the Protection oil, and place them in a circle around the candle. Within the circle, but in front of the candle, place the tarot card face up.

Light the candle and make the following prayer:

*Great Archangel Michael, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke our enemies, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell the Adversary and all other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Allow the candle to burn all the way down. When it is finished, it is traditional to make an offering in St. Michael's name to a charity, and because he is the champion of the weak it is especially appropriate to make the donation to your local law enforcement or a shelter for victims of violent crime. You may now carry one of the stones as a protection charm and give the others to friends and family members. Bury one of the stones (along with the folded petition paper) in your front yard, preferably near the front door.