

Reflection Tuesday Week 26 – St Michael, Raphael & Gabriel, Archangels 2020

In ancient Hebrew the letters **el** stood for God. Bethel means the house of God. So, Michael means *who is like God*, Gabriel means *God is my strength*, Raphael means *God heals*. Each in their own way the archangels reveal a different aspect of God. They teach us how God has worked in different ways throughout the history of humanity. One defends goodness and sees off evil, harm and all that separates us from God. The messenger of Good News brings forth the reality of God's presence in our lives, while the healer continually cures us of our hurts, flaws and failings. These all empowering qualities or faces of God, reflected in his archangels, remind us how precious we are to God and how much he wants to be part of our lives, as a loving gift, never wanting to impose or overpower us. The only way to receive this presence of God is in love; a love that helps us discover the God who is always present in our lives and wants only to be welcomed and accepted. There are seven Archangels:

Circle of Protection

*I call on the mercy of the Sacred Three
To send circles of angels to protect me.
And the mighty Archangels to stand over me
To shield me with their wings.
To the North, stand Michael, Prince and Warrior
To the South, stand Gabriel, Speaker of Truth
To the West, stand Raphael, Healer and Defender
To the East, stand Uriel, Light-bearer.
May they be comrades in arms - Guardians of faith
Beacons against the darkness - Sentinels of God's Love
in Jesus' name. Amen.*

And a Blessing

From the four directions of the universe, from the highest realms of heaven, from the depth of wisdom we surround you and support you with our blessing of prophetic vision, divine protection, healing love, and whispering guidance so that you may live your earthly existence beneath our pyramids of joy, harmony, peace, and balance. We watch over you, and guide you; you are never alone. With this, we give you our blessings to live an extraordinary life.

A chap arrives at the gates of heaven and meets an angel. The Angel said "*To enter heaven, you need to answer 3 questions*".

Angel: First, name 2 days of a week that start with the letter T.

Chap: Today and tomorrow

Angel: OK, I can accept that. Second: How many seconds are there in a year?

Chap: 12 seconds

Angel: (*shocked*) How come?

Chap: Jan 2nd, Feb 2nd, March 2nd ...

Angel: ***You can go in!!***