Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel / defend us in battle / Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil / May God rebuke him, we humbly pray / and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts / by the power of God, thrust into hell satan, and all the evil spirits / who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls / Amen.

## **ROSARY FOR LIFE**

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1st Joyful Mystery - The Annunciation of Our Lord (Luke 1:26)

As an angel proclaimed the conception of Christ in Mary's virginal womb, so do mothers and fathers learn every day of the conception of their child. Let us pray to the Mother of all the Living that every child be treasured and protected from the first moment of conception as an inestimable and wondrous gift of God.

2nd Joyful Mystery - The Visitation (Luke 1:39)

As the child in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy when the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with the Son of God, came to meet her, so may our hearts leap with joy at the wonders of new life promised in every expectant mother.

3rd Joyful Mystery - The Nativity of Jesus (Luke 2:6)

In the birth of every child we see the birth of Christ Jesus in the Bethlehem stable. Let us commend all new mothers and fathers and every newborn child to the protection and intercession of the Mother of God and Mother of all Christians.

4th Joyful Mystery - The Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:25)
As Christ was consecrated to God at his presentation in the temple, so many we consecrate all children to that holiness, purity, and innocence by which they lead us to God. "A little child shall lead them."

5th Joyful Mystery - The Finding in the Temple (Luke 2:41)

As the Christ Child was found in the temple by the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, so we pray for all children, especially those lost and forgotten. May the Gospel of Life impel us to find them when they are most in need and to lead them home to a place where they are treasured, protected, and loved.

Rosary Prayer to St. Joseph (from Pope Leo XIII)

To you, O blessed Joseph / do we come in our tribulation / and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse / we confidently invoke your patronage also / Through that charity which bound you / to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God / and through the paternal love / with which you embraced the Child Jesus / we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance / which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood / and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities / O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family / defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ / O most loving father, ward off from us / every contagion of error and corrupting influence / O our most mighty protector, be kind to us / and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness / As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril / so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity / shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection / so that, supported by your example and your aid / we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness / and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

## **NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF VICTORY**

O Victorious Lady! Thou who has ever such powerful influence with Thy Divine Son, in conquering the hardest of hearts, intercede for those for whom we pray, that their hearts being softened by the rays of Divine Grace, they may return to the unity of the true Faith, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.