

## SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

As a youth growing up, I had the privilege of attending daily mass. We had the custom of saying the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel after each mass. This beautiful prayer has become one of my favorite daily prayers. I'm not ashamed that I recall the words of this prayer many times during the day, as I, along with many people, are in a daily battle with the wicked one. Satan is the god of lies, telling me the complete opposite of what is good for me. Tells me I'm no good, when God, who created, me tells me I'm VERY GOOD. (GEN.1:31)

I don't know about you, but I do know that I need a defender to help me against the wickedness and lies of Satan. Left to my own devices, I can justify almost anything, after which I'm left with the feelings of guilt, shame and emptiness. Satan wants to rob us our joy, and leave us with those feelings. Today, I choose not to fall into his traps, and though I sometimes still slip and fall, I still continue to pray my childhood prayer. Would you join me in it as a prayer to help with your daily battles of life?

Saint 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

Blessings.....Deacon Len