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## Notifications

*We are delighted to welcome Monsignor Michael Haupt as the successor of Father Reinhold Lambert. As spiritual director he will provide assistance to the MBC with his counsels, prayers and blessings. We wish him sincerely GOD's grace and blessing for his priestly ministry and we promise to include him in our prayers, too.*

*Every last Monday of a month prayer meetings will be held in Ötzingen/Germany. The Holy Mass will be celebrated for the living and deceased sisters and brothers of the Marian Blessing Circle.*

**Please inform us of any change of address and of members who have died. Thank you very much!**

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## Dear members and supporters:

The employees of the secretariats send you their sincere regards, they remain united with you through prayer and blessing, they ask to our Mother, Virgin MARY, the Mercy that the love of JESUS may grow in your hearts and bear fruit.

*–Holy Archangel Michael, pray for us!*

With Marian greetings



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# Newsletter

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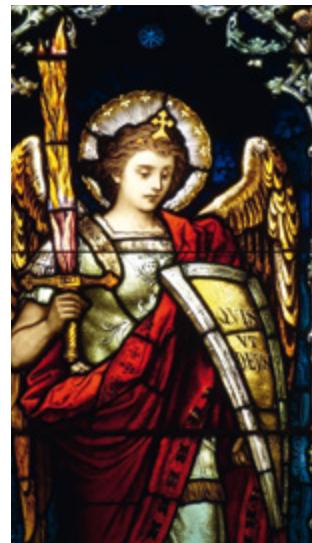
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## St. Michael the Archangel

**Dear members and supporters of the Marian Blessing Circle!**  
**In our newsletter you will find a devotional sheet with a prayer to St. Michael the Archangel.**  
**We recommend all to pray this prayer to the angel every day.**  
**How was this prayer born?**

„It happened on a day in December 1884 or in January 1885 in the Vatican in the private chapel of Leo XIII. After celebrating Holy Mass, the Pope attended as usual a second mass. Towards the end of the Mass he suddenly lifted his head and focused with his eyes on a single spot over the tabernacle, without blinking; he looked in the direction with an expression of astonishment and consternation. The Pope's

face paled and his facial features became tense. After the Mass, Leo XIII stood up and still deeply shocked hurried into his office. A prelate of his ambit asked him: ‚Holy Father, are you feeling well? Do you need help?‘ ‚No‘, answered Leo XIII., ‚I am feeling good...‘ The Pope locked himself in his office. Half an hour later he called the secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Rites and gave him a sheet ordering him to print and to send it to all the bishops of the world. →



St. Michael in stained glass window by Franz Mayer & Co. Quis ut DEUS? („Who is like GOD?“) is on his shield.

What information contained this sheet? It was a prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, which was composed by Leo XIII himself. A prayer that the priests should pray at the end of each Low Mass kneeling on the steps to the altar “.

*(taken from the book of Georges Huber: Weiche Satan! Der Teufel heute, [Get away Satan! The devil today], Stein am Rhein 1997, page 17.)*

After the reformation of the Mass, the prayer was omitted, however, it was not prohibited. If somebody wants to pray it, he or she should do it after the Holy Mass or at home. Pope Leo XIII was able to take a look in our times. And he reacted immediately: He invoked the help of the powerful Archangel Michael, who highlights the First Commandment with his name (Who is likened to God?) and fights against demonic powers. Let's form an alliance with this angel and with his heavenly hosts! We shall not forget that the Triune God is also the Lord of our times. We should not be fearful. God is almighty! And His angels help Him – and us!

The Lord may send His Holy angels to you, He may strengthen and keep you safe, be with you and bless you + in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*Your priest  
Monsignor Michael Haupt*

PS: The Executive Board of the Blessing Circle has asked me if I could assume the position of the president of this community. I have accepted. I myself am a supporter of the Blessing Circle since 2002. After many years serving as a church leader in the archdiocese in Cologne, I am now parochial vicar in Zülpich/Veytal, Germany. I would be glad to bless you when I pray the Marian Antiphon of the Complete.

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## Let us pray!

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the MBC, in the months to come, let us pray together to St. Michael Archangel, the patron of the church. May the LORD bless all those who we choose to recommend to Him through the intercession of MARY, the Queen of the Holy angels, and of St. Michael Archangel.

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## The Pope's prayer intentions

**November 2020:** We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

**December 2020:** We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

**January 2021:** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**February 2021:** We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**March 2021:** Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**April 2021:** We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**May 2021:** Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.