

# SAINT GABRIEL

## THE ARCHANGEL



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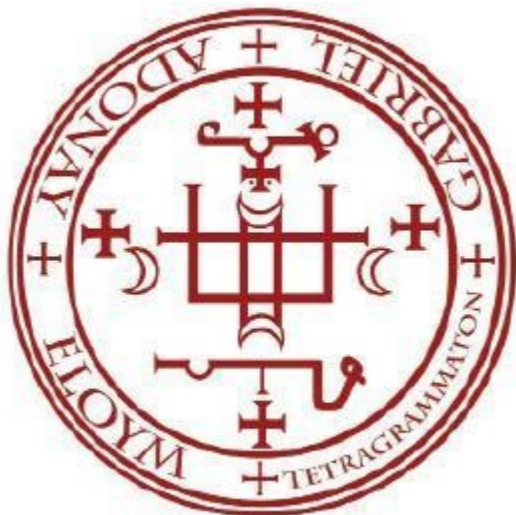
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# Introduction



**WHO IS THE**

# ARCHANGEL GABRIEL?

Saint Gabriel the Archangel is one of the only angels mentioned by name in the Christian Bible—he is the angel of the annunciation, foretelling the birth of Christ and his cousin John the Baptist, and according to popular belief he is the angel who will blow the trumpet signalling the beginning of the end of days.<sup>1</sup> He appears in countless magical texts, attributed with a vast array of supernatural powers with which he can assist the magician, and owing to his importance within the church, this archangel has been a source of much artistic inspiration. As well as veneration in the Christian

church, Gabriel is also highly revered in the Muslim faith, being the angel who relayed the Koran to the prophet Muhammad. Gabriel is also very important in Judaism, appearing in the Talmud. He is also mentioned in the apocryphal book of Enoch, as the angel “who is over Paradise and the serpents and the Cherubim”.<sup>2</sup> Gabriel’s name means “Strength of God” or “God is my Strength” and in Hebrew it is spelt layrbg—in Islamic literature his name is spelt Jibril. His feast is celebrated on 29th September—the feast of all angels—which he shares with Raphael and Michael.

## **M**ALE OR **F**EMALE?

Is St. Gabriel the Archangel male or female? Gender and Angels is something that has been discussed at length and is a complex issue; by and large the answer is largely irrelevant. However, if you plan on working with a spiritual entity in such a way where you build up a relationship with them, it is useful to know what gender to use when talking to/about them. Whilst there is a strong case for angels being neither male nor female, it can make interaction more difficult for people unused to contact with celestial beings, as dealing with an unfamiliar or abstract concept (such as a complete lack of sex/gender) may be distracting

or confusing. For the rest of this pamphlet, we will be referring to Gabriel as male for the ease of the reader.

## **IMAGES OF THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL**

St. Gabriel is frequently shown in art as a beautiful, androgynous angel carrying a bunch of lilies and/or a horn or trumpet. In orthodox iconography, he is shown bearing an orb in one hand and a slender cruciform staff in the other, both symbols of his divine office. In Islamic art he is shown with multiple sets of brightly coloured wings and wearing a magnificent crown.



# AREAS OF INFLUENCE AND PATRONAGE

As a messenger of God, Gabriel is considered the patron saint of all aspects of communication, especially people who work with radios and television broadcasts. He is also one of the patrons of messengers and the postal service, and all people who relay information. In the hoodoo magical system, he can be called on to assist in matters of fertility and conception, due to his role in announcing the births of St. John the Baptist and Jesus Christ. He can also be called on for help with dream interpretation and psychic

matters, due to his role as an interpreter for Daniel. Mythology from the Middle East also links Gabriel to mystical revelation and psychism—crediting him with the revelation of Geomancy to the prophet Idris<sup>3</sup> and the revelation of the Koran to the prophet Muhammad. Many early Coptic Christian magical texts call on Gabriel to intercede magically on behalf of the magician; these give us an interesting insight into the myriad ways in which this angel can assist us magically.<sup>4</sup>

## SHRINES TO SAINT GABRIEL

Due to the wealth of occult literature on this powerful angel we are

blessed with lots of information regarding his associations and correspondences. Most of these come from the grimoires and kabbalistic tradition, and are useful for people wishing to build altars and shrines to this angel in their homes. A simple shrine should have the following objects:

- A cloth: this should be white, blue, or silver in colour.
- A source of light, such as a lamp or candles. Again,

these should be white, blue, or silver.

- A vase or vases for flowers—the obvious choice of flower would be lilies, though any white flowers are appropriate.
- A censer for burning incense, or a diffuser for oil.
- An image of St. Gabriel the Archangel—this can be a statue, prayer card or

even a holy medal; these are simple enough to find online and at spiritual supply shops.

- Owing to his popularity in various magical traditions, you might want to include a specially prepared sigil of this angel somewhere on your shrine. An example of one is given elsewhere in this pamphlet.

As with all shrines, make sure you leave room for any extra gifts and offerings this angel will accumulate as he assists you in your life.

## OFFERINGS

Rather than food, I'd recommend offering St. Gabriel the Archangel incense, as he is a celestial being he has no need for physical food. Suitable loose grain incense can be made using the recipe in the Hoodoo section of this pamphlet.

Flowers are another appropriate gift; in artwork this archangel frequently appears bearing in his hand a bunch of lilies. Lilies represent purity

and are strongly associated with both this angel and the Madonna. Be aware that if you keep pets, especially cats, lily pollen can be poisonous. Make sure that you either remove the stamens or place your shrine where the cats won't be able to come into contact with the flowers. If lilies are unavailable, any other pure white flowers, such as thornless white roses, would be appropriate.

St. Gabriel's other famous attribute is his trumpet, or horn, which he will sound at the coming of Judgement day. Keeping one of these on or above his altar would be an appropriate reward for his intercession, as well as a method of calling his

attention when you wish to petition him.

Offerings in the form of donations are also good to make on behalf of this, and any, saint. Charities and organisations that take care of pregnant women, premature babies, or hospital maternity wards are a good choice for Gabriel, due to his patronage over pregnancy, as are environmental charities that take care of rivers and the oceans due to his association with the sphere of the moon.



# Hoodoo and Conjure with the Archangel Gabriel

## SAINT GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL OIL

This oil can be used to dress candles or anoint statues, it can be added to baths or lamps, or generally used as you see fit. This recipe makes about 20ml of oil.

### Required Items:

10ml of base oil (sweet almond or

grape seed are good choices)

3ml frankincense essential oil

3ml sandalwood essential oil

3ml jasmine essential oil

A single dried lily petal

A 20ml bottle with stopper

### **METHOD:**

1. Combine all the liquid ingredients in the bottle.

2. Add the dried lily petal to the other ingredients.

3. Seal the bottle and shake well.

## **SAINT GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL INCENSE**

This is a simple recipe which can

be burnt on charcoal during any work invoking the aid of the Archangel Gabriel, or as an offering of thanks. This recipe makes approximately 70 grams of incense.

**REQUIRED ITEMS:**

15g frankincense

20g white sandalwood

10g gum Arabic

10g myrrh

5g mugwort herb

10g jasmine flowers

A splash of lily of the valley oil

A splash of jasmine essential oil

Pestle and mortar

Sealable container

## **METHOD:**

1. Grind the resins to a medium consistency—set to one side
2. Grind the herbs to a medium consistency, combine with the resins.
3. Add the essential oils and mix thoroughly, so everything gets well-coated.
4. Place in the sealable container ready for use.

## **NOTES:**

- Do not grind the ingredients too finely, as

they will not burn correctly on the charcoal, and your incense will end up smelling of burning plants.

- Incenses made with oils like this have a tendency to set; make sure you don't pack the finished product too tightly, or it will be tricky to get out of the packet.

**SAINT GABRIEL MOJO FOR**

## PREGNANT WOMEN

When a woman falls pregnant, create this mojo for her protection, it will help to make sure that the mother remains healthy and that the pregnancy carries to term whilst causing no harm to the mother or the child. This is an adaptation of a charm found in Sepher Schimmusch Tehillim.

### REQUIRED ITEMS:

Drawstring pouch on a cord

Parchment/paper and a pen

A lock of the mother's hair

Blue thread or ribbon

A piece of Squaw Vine (*Mitchella*

*repens*)

A white, silver, or blue candle

**METHOD:**

1. On parchment write out the first three lines of Psalm 1, along with the sigil of the Archangel Gabriel given below:

*Blessed is the man  
that walketh not in  
the counsel of the  
ungodly, nor  
standeth in the way  
of sinners, nor  
sitteth in the seat of  
the scornful.  
But his delight is in  
the law of the Lord;*

*and in his law doth  
he meditate day and  
night. And he shall  
be like a tree  
planted by the  
rivers of water, that  
bringeth forth his  
fruit in his season;  
his leaf also shall  
not wither; and  
whatsoever he  
doeth shall prosper.*



2. Wrap this around the lock of hair and the squaw vine, securing it



with

the blue thread.

3. Place this bundle into the bag and tie it securely.

4. Place the bag on your shrine to St. Gabriel, and light a candle to him.

5. Pray the following out loud:

*Holy Archangel  
Gabriel, please  
intercede before the  
throne of the living  
God, and bless this  
charm so that this  
woman, (pregnant  
woman's name)  
daughter of (name  
of pregnant*

*woman's mother)  
may be protected  
throughout her  
pregnancy, have a  
fortunate delivery  
and bear a healthy  
child. Amen.*

6. Wait until the candle has burnt down, at which point the bag can be given to the woman to wear. She should place it on a cord around her neck, so that the bag itself rests on the stomach.

## **FERTILITY POPPET FOR WOMEN**

If you are struggling to conceive,

this poppet can be of assistance. This particular poppet is made from wax, which requires sculpting whilst still warm, so having your working space set up in the kitchen would be a sensible step.

**REQUIRED ITEMS:**

Beeswax

Black cohosh

Motherwort

Chasteberry (*Vitex agnus castus*)

A single dried bean, seed or grain

Personal concerns (hair, nails,

blood, etc.) from the woman trying to conceive

A candle

## METHOD:

1. Grind the cohosh, motherwort and chasteberry into a fine powder.

2. Add these to a pan along with the beeswax and personal concerns, slowly melt the ingredients together,

3. Allow the mixture to set enough for it to be solid yet malleable.

4. When you are sure the wax is cool enough to handle, mold it into the form of a woman with a large pregnant belly. Make the doll as realistic as you are able.

5. Take the doll over to your shrine for the Archangel Gabriel, lay it in front of the image of the archangel and light a candle. Preferably it should

still be warm at this point.

6. Take your seed or bean and holding it in your hands pray the 102nd Psalm: “hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee...”

7. When you have completed saying the psalm, press the seed into the stomach of the wax doll saying something along the lines of the following:

*Holy Archangel  
Gabriel, messenger  
of the almighty—I  
implore you, please  
intercede before the  
throne of God on  
behalf of (name)*

*daughter of (name)  
—that her barren  
womb become  
fruitful, as this seed  
bears the promise  
of life, may a child  
spring to life inside  
her. Amen.*

8. Leave the now impregnated doll on the shrine until the candle burns down completely.

9. Once the candle is totally burnt down, you can take the doll and place it under the bed in which you and your partner are trying to conceive. Do not remove the doll until you have seen results.

# TO RECEIVE MESSAGES THROUGH DREAMS

If you have a pressing question which requires urgent help, this working can help facilitate answers through dreaming. This procedure requires a candle to be lit whilst you sleep—do not attempt this working if you live in a house with pets or small children who could knock this over. Please exercise extreme caution.

## REQUIRED ITEMS:

A large glass bowl with a flat bottom

Water

A blue candle

Dried mugwort

Dried jasmine flowers

Psychic vision oil (or similar  
conjure oil)

Psychic vision powder (or similar  
scattering powder)

A pen and paper

### **METHOD:**

1. Anoint the candle in the oil, and roll in the powder.

2. Heat the bottom of the candle and stick it to the bottom of the glass bowl.

3. Boil the mugwort and jasmine in enough water to fill this bowl. Strain it and let it cool.



4. Whilst the liquid cools, place the bowl and candle next to your bed at the same level as your head.

5. When the tea is cold, fill the glass bowl with it, so that it reaches half way up the candle.

6. Before bed, dress in clean bedclothes, preferably white ones and pray the 23rd psalm “The lord is my shepherd...” 7 times, followed by this prayer:

*Archangel Gabriel,  
I humbly implore  
your assistance, I  
am confounded and  
my mind is clouded  
—I seek advice*

*about (insert your  
problem here).  
Please visit me as I  
dream and grant me  
clarity, and the  
Lord did reveal his  
mysteries to the  
prophets. Amen.*

7. Light the candle and go to sleep—the candle will extinguish itself when it hits the water.

8. Keep the pen and paper by your bed so that any impressions you get upon waking can be recorded.

**SIXTH SENSE MOJO BAG**

As one of the patrons of the psychic arts, St. Gabriel is the perfect assistant when it comes to creating a mojo to improve ones clairvoyant abilities. The instructions for this mojo bag have been kindly donated by a very talented rootworker, whose blog can be found [here:](http://theroseofjericho.blogspot.co.uk)  
<http://theroseofjericho.blogspot.co.uk>

**REQUIRED ITEMS:**

A small drawstring bag

A purple candle

A psalter or Bible

An apache tear

Coltsfoot

Star anise

Dirt from the gate of a cemetery

Mugwort

A rattle

A little vial of psychic vision oil

**METHOD:**

1. Take a white plate and set the purple candle going in the middle, arrange around this candle the apache tear, coltsfoot, cemetery dirt, star anise, and mugwort. Light the candle and recite the first 4 verses from Psalm 49.

2. Pick up each item on the plate in turn and talk to it, telling it what quality it is you want it to bring to the mojo, then drop it into the bag.

*Spirit of obsidian,*

*reflect ontowards  
me signs and  
omens.*

*Spirit of coltsfoot,  
open up my eyes to  
the past, present  
and future.*

*Spirit of the  
cemetery gate,  
draw towards me  
the voices  
and wisdom of the  
departed.*

*Spirit of star anise;  
bring me the gift of  
prophecy.*

*Spirit of mugwort;  
bring me success in*

*the psychic arts.*

3. Now pick up your purple candle and snuff it out in the bag, spit in the bag, and pull the drawstrings tight. Wind the strings tightly around the neck of the bag 3 times but do not tie them.

4. Now your mojo is ready and he needs to be woken up. Take your rattle and shake it over the mojo to wake him up, tell the mojo his secret name and what his job is, tell him you will feed him well if he works good for you.

5. Feed your mojo a few drops of psychic vision oil by allowing a few drops to fall on him, and put him in a safe place such as the box where you

keep your tarot cards, a purse, pocket, or even on a cord around your neck. Remember to feed him regularly with a few drops of the oil whenever you feel his power is waning.

## **PSYCHIC VISION OIL**

Here is a simple oil which can be used to anoint the candle in the working above, or in any other conjure work to improve psychic working—this recipe makes enough to fill a 20ml bottle.

### **REQUIRED ITEMS:**

10ml of base oil (sweet almond or grape seed are good choices)

3ml mugwort essential oil  
3ml anise essential oil  
3ml jasmine essential oil  
A pinch of dried wormwood  
A 20ml bottle with stopper

**METHOD:**

1. Combine all the ingredients in the bottle.
2. Add the dried wormwood to the other ingredients.
3. Seal the bottle and shake well.

**ARCHANGEL GABRIEL SPIRITUAL  
BATH FOR PURIFICATION**

In many western magical traditions Gabriel is identified with



water, and its purifying power. This bath is inspired by this notion and is a perfect pre-ritual wash to cleanse yourself both physically and spiritually.

**REQUIRED ITEMS:**

Saucepan

Water

An empty bottle

A handful of salt

A handful of dried hyssop herb—

to purify the body

A handful of dried/fresh lily petals

—to align yourself with Gabriel

A whole angelic root—for angelic

influence

A handful of dried lavender—to

calm the mind

3 camphor squares (crushed)—to relax the body

**METHOD:**

1. Fill the saucepan about half full with water and bring to the boil.

2. Add all the herbal ingredients (minus the camphor) and turn the heat down, letting them simmer for about 10 minutes.

3. Strain the ingredients well and preserve the liquid, discard the solids.

4. Place the liquid back on the hob, turn the heat right down, and add the camphor and salt, stirring until it dissolves.

5. Allow the liquid to cool in the

pan, and then decant into a bottle.

**USAGE:**

- Run your bath or your shower as normal. Clean yourself as you would normally, displacing any physical dirt.
- When clean sit or stand in the bath (or step out from under the shower jet) and taking the bottle in hand,

empty the contents over your head, pouring it out four times. Each time you pour, say the following prayer (or something similar of your own creation):

*Archangel Gabriel,  
Blessed messenger  
of God,  
I implore you;  
cleanse me of my  
iniquity,  
Remove the stain of  
my transgressions,*

*That I may be  
purified in the eyes  
of the Lord,  
And worthy to stand  
before his altar.  
Amen.”*

- After you have done this four times, you should have run out of bath. Now get out of the bath, and allow yourself to air dry. This way you don't rub the bath off your skin.

# **ARCHANGEL GABRIEL BATH FOR PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT**

As the watery patron of the psychic faculties, a bath to improve one's psychic ability seems appropriate. Take this bath before doing psychic readings for others, or before bed to increase the potential for prophetic dreams. Used before paranormal investigation, this bath may assist in tuning into the spirits of the departed.

## **REQUIRED ITEMS:**

Saucepan

Water

An empty bottle

Handful of dried mugwort—to open your psychic centres

Handful of whole star anise—to stimulate your psychic centres

Handful of dried jasmine flowers—to help relax the mind

Three good pinches of celery seeds—to induce prophetic dreams

An angelica root—for angelic assistance

### **METHOD:**

1. Half fill the saucepan with water and bring to the boil.

2. Add the herbal ingredients, and reduce the heat.

3. Leave to simmer for 10 minutes.

4. Strain the solids and discard. Allow the remaining liquid to cool before bottling for later use.

**USAGE:**

- Run you bath or your shower as normal. Clean yourself as you would normally, displacing any physical dirt.
- When clean sit or stand in the bath (or step out from under the shower jet) and



taking the bottle in hand, empty the contents over your head, pouring it out four times. Each time you pour, say the following prayer (or something similar of your own creation):

*Archangel Gabriel,  
messenger of God,  
Forerunner of the  
Almighty,  
Who did reveal  
unto man many  
mystical secrets of*

*the universe,  
Through this bath,  
make me receptive  
to the signs hidden  
in plain sight.*

*Amen.*

- After you have done this four times, you should have run out of bath. Now get out of the bath, and allow yourself to air dry. This way you don't rub the bath off your skin.

# Prayers and Chaplets

## NOVENA TO SAINT GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL

A novena is a special type of prayer, said over the space of nine consecutive days, with the goal of being granted a boon by the specific saint or divine entity being petitioned. This is the novena for the Archangel Gabriel.

*Saint Gabriel the  
Archangel, I*

venerate you as the  
Angel of the  
Incarnation,  
because God  
specially appointed  
you to bear the  
messages  
concerning the  
God-Man to  
Daniel, Zechariah,  
and the Blessed  
Virgin Mary. Give  
me a very tender  
and devoted love  
for the Incarnate  
Word and his  
Blessed Mother,  
more like your own.

*I venerate you also  
as the “Strength  
from God”, because  
you are the giver of  
God’s strength,  
consoler and  
comforter chosen to  
strengthen God’s  
faithful and teach  
them important  
truths. I ask for the  
grace of a special  
power of the will to  
strive for holiness  
of life. Steady my  
resolutions; renew  
my courage;*

*comfort and  
console me in the  
problems, trials  
and sufferings of  
daily living, as you  
consoled our  
Saviour in his  
agony and Mary in  
her sorrows and  
Joseph in his trials.  
I put my confidence  
in you.*

*Saint Gabriel, I ask  
you especially for  
this  
favour: (mention  
your*

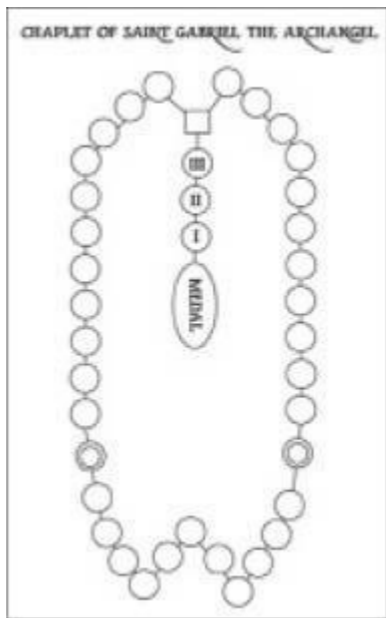
request). Through  
your earnest love  
for the Son of God  
made man and for  
his Blessed Mother,  
I beg of you,  
intercede for me  
that my request may  
be granted, let it be  
God's holy will.

Pray for us, Saint  
Gabriel the  
Archangel.  
That we may be  
worthy of the  
promises of Christ.<sup>5</sup>

The Chaplet of Saint Gabriel consists of 38 beads in total, 3 sets of 11 (33—number of years in the life of Christ), 2 spacers (representing Christ's divinity and humanity), a medal, and three small beads.



CHAPLET OF SAINT GABRIEL, THE ARCHANGEL.



Starting at the first bead after the medal, pray thusly:

**1st small bead:**

“Heavenly Father, through the salutation of the Archangel Gabriel, may we honour the Incarnation of Your Divine son.”

## **2nd small bead:**

“Mother of our Saviour, may we strive always to imitate your holy virtues and to respond to our Father. Be it done unto me according to Thy Word.”

## **3rd small bead:**

“Archangel Gabriel, please praise our Father for the gift of His Son praying, one day, by His grace, we may all be one.”

**On each of the beads in the sets of 11, pray:**

“Hail, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee: Blessed art thou among women.”

**On the 2 spacer beads, pray:**

“Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name Jesus.”

Praying the chaplet is a brilliant way of “tuning in” to St. Gabriel, performed regularly as a devotional act, such a simple action can seriously strengthen the link between you and this archangel.

## **THE LITANY OF SAINT GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL**

This litany can give you an idea of some of the roles played by Gabriel, and is a good source of inspiration for writing your own prayers and petitions.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously  
hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, Have  
mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the  
world, Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on  
us.

Holy Trinity, One God, Have mercy  
on us.

Holy Mary , Queen of Angels, pray  
for us.

Saint Gabriel, glorious Archangel,  
pray for us.

St. Gabriel, strength of God, pray  
for us.

St. Gabriel, who stands before the throne of God, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, model of prayer, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, herald of the Incarnation, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, who revealed the glories of Mary, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, Prince of Heaven, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, ambassador of the Most High, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, guardian of the Immaculate Virgin, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, who foretold the greatness of Jesus, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, peace and light of souls, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, scourge of unbelievers, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, admirable teacher, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, strength of the just, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, protector of the faithful, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, first adorer of the Divine Word, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, defender of the Faith, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, zealous for the honor of Jesus Christ, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, whom the Scriptures praise as the Angel sent by God to Mary, the Virgin, pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away

the sins of the world, Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the  
sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away  
the sins of the world, Have mercy on  
us.

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously  
hear us.

V. Pray for us, blessed Archangel  
Gabriel,

R. That we may be made  
worthy of the promises of Jesus Christ.

Let Us Pray: O blessed Archangel  
Gabriel, we beseech thee, intercede for



us at the throne of Divine Mercy in our present necessities, that as thou didst announce to Mary the mystery of the Incarnation, so through thy prayers and patronage in Heaven we may obtain the benefits of the same, and sing the praise of God forever in the land of the living. Amen.<sup>6</sup>

## **(Endnotes)**

1. Thessalonians 4:16-17,  
For the Lord himself shall  
descend from heaven with  
a shout, with the voice of  
the archangel, and with  
the trump of God: and the  
dead in Christ shall rise  
first: Then we which are  
alive and remain shall be

caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (King James Version).

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