

SAINT GABRIEL  
THE  
ARCHANGEL



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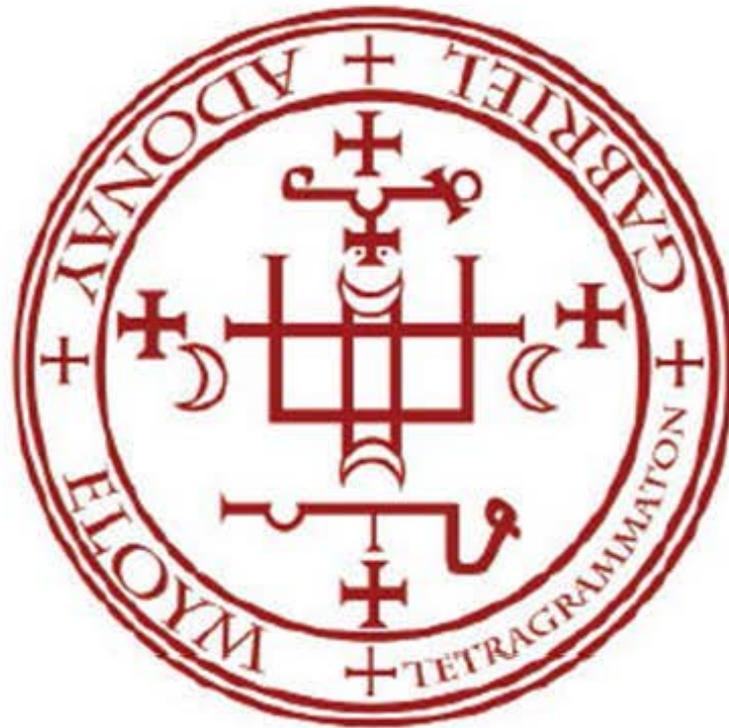
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# Introduction



## 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.

## **MALE OR FEMALE?**

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:**

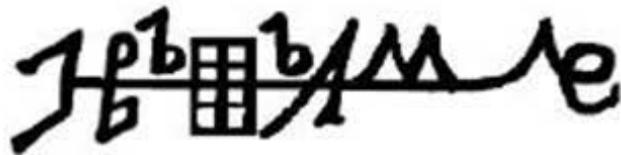
Drawstring pouch on a cord  
Parchment/paper and a pen  
A lock of the mother's hair  
Blue thread or ribbon  
A piece of Squaw Vine (*Mitchella repens*)  
A white, silver, or blue candle

### **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>

**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.*

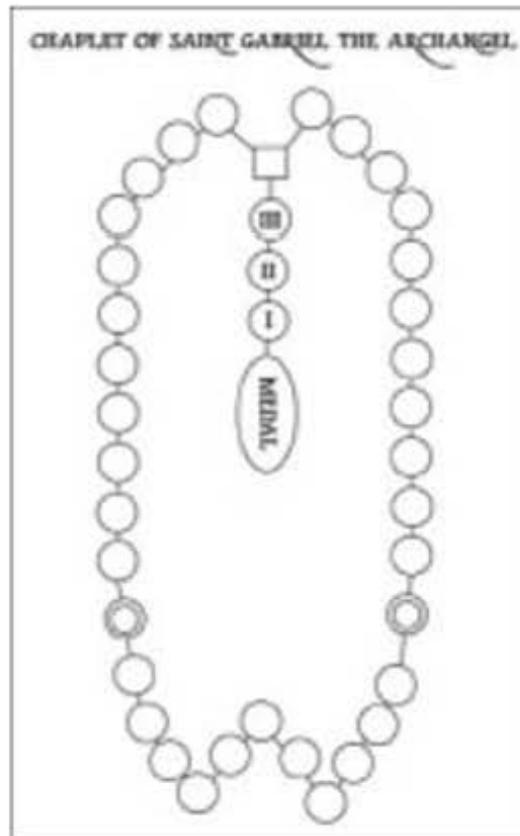
*I venerate you also as the “Strength from God”, because you are the giver of God’s strength, consoler and comforter chosen to strengthen God’s faithful and teach them important truths. I ask for the grace of a special power of the will to strive for holiness of life. Steady my resolutions; renew my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



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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