

*Never forget, dear Christians, as the Baptized, you are children of God and, thus, you are of those little ones with your very own angels, who while keeping guard over you in the kingdom of heaven, “always see the face of [our] Father who is in heaven.”*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD  
FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS  
SMALL CATECHISM: DAILY PRAYERS

**How the head of the family should teach his household to pray  
morning and evening**

***Morning Prayer.***

*1] In the morning, when you rise, you shall bless yourself with the holy cross and say:*

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*2] Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may, in addition, say this little prayer:*

I thank Thee, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray Thee to keep me this day also from sin and all evil, that all my doings and life may please Thee. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the Wicked Foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*3] Then go to your work with joy, singing a hymn, as the Ten Commandments, or what your devotion may suggest.*

***Evening Prayer.***

*4] In the evening, when you go to bed, you shall bless yourself with the holy cross and say:*

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*5] Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may, in addition, say this little prayer:*

I thank Thee, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast graciously kept me this day, and I pray Thee to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the Wicked Foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Then go to sleep promptly and cheerfully.*



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