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THE DIVINE LIGHT

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"I am the **LIGHT** of the **World**."

NEWSLETTER

BE LIKE THE ANGELS- ALWAYS AT THE SERVICE OF GOD



The word Angel, taken from Latin *angelus*, a transcription of Greek *angelos* means "messenger" and in modern Christian belief, known as a heavenly spirit. The most primitive form of Old Testament belief (starting in the book of Genesis from Abraham) in angels seems to be the "messenger of Yahweh". The Scriptures reveal that God created nine orders of Angels out of which the Archangels (seven in all including **Michael, Raphael and Gabriel**) belong to the eighth order. The seven angels that stood before God in the

Book of Revelation are considered to be the Archangels. The Archangels were the Divine Messengers between the humans and God; they are the Battlers of the Sons of Darkness. The Church celebrates the principal Feast of the Archangels on September 29 especially honouring St. Michael the Archangel. It is probably on this date on which the ancient Roman Basilica to 'St. Michael and All Angels' was dedicated in the 6th century, but that building disappeared over a thousand years ago.

St. Michael (in Hebrew means 'Who is like God') is one of the principal angels; his name was the war-cry of the good angels in the battle fought in heaven against Satan and his followers. Four times his name is recorded in Scripture: (1) *Daniel 10:13*, (2) in *Daniel 12*, (3) In the letter of *St. Jude 9*, and in (4) *Revelation 12:7*. Following these Scriptural passages, Christian tradition gives to St. Michael four offices: a) To fight against Satan, b) To rescue the souls of the faithful from his grasp, especially at the hour of death, c) To be the champion of God's people, and as the Patron of the

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O MOTHER OF SORROWS, HELP US IN OUR TRIALS!



The Holy Church in mid-September commemorates Our Lady's great sorrows. The seven principal ones were: i} The prophecy of Simeon in the Temple, ii} The 300 mile flight into Egypt with the infant Jesus, iii} The loss of Jesus in when he was a boy of 12, iv} Mary's encounter with her Divine Son on his way to Calvary, v} His Crucifixion, vi} The taking down of his body from the Cross, and vii} His burial.

NOVENA to SORROWFUL MOTHER

O Mary, Mother of Sorrows, I beseech Thee, by the bitter agony you did endure at the foot of the Cross, offer to the Eternal Father, in my name, thy Beloved Son, Jesus, all covered with Blood and Wounds, in satisfaction for my sins, for the needs of Holy Church, the conversion of sinners, the relief of the Souls in Purgatory, and for the special grace I now implore. Amen.
(Mention your Request)

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PERSONALITY PROFILE :

-THE APOSTLE MATTHEW-

Matthew, more than any other disciple, had a clear idea of how much it would cost to follow Jesus, yet he did not hesitate a moment. When he left his tax-collecting booth, he guaranteed himself unemployment. For several of the other disciples, there was always fishing to return to, but for Matthew, there was no turning back.

Two changes happened to

Matthew when he decided to follow Jesus. First, Jesus gave him a new life. He not only belonged to a new group; he belonged to the Son of God. He was not just accepting a different way of life; he was now an accepted person. For a despised tax collector, that change must have been wonderful! Second, Jesus gave Matthew a new purpose for his skills. When he followed Jesus, the only tool from his past job that he carried with him was his pen. From the

Jesus said, "You are my friends if you do what I command you." (St. John 15:14)

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Church, and d) To call away from earth and bring men's souls to judgment. St. Michael is the Patron Saint of grocers, the guardian of all mountain places, also held to be the special Guardian Angel of the Pope and of the Blessed Sacrament.

Raphael's Hebrew name signifies 'God has healed'. In the Old Testament it is recorded how he cured the blindness of Tobit and acted as a guide during his son's trip to Meria. He is in consequence revered as the Patron Saint of travellers, of the young and the innocent.

Gabriel, meaning 'The Power of God' in Hebrew, is also one of the Archangels, who in a particular way seems to be the messenger of glad or consoling tidings. He is known as 'the Angel of the Annunciation' for having been sent to inform Our Lady that she had been chosen to become the Mother of the Incarnate Word, He gave the message to the shepherds at Bethlehem and to St. Joseph in connection with the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt.

REFLECTION *Of the* **WORD**

An IMPERISHABLE CROWN

"Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one."

(1 Corinthians 9:24-25)

Athletes are willing to push themselves harder and longer and farther than anyone else. They strive to bring their bodies and minds completely under control so that they excel and receive a prize. Others go home to relax, but athletes continue to train. While most people protect themselves from any form of discomfort, athletes push themselves to the limits of their endurance. While some remain satisfied with their mediocre performance, athletes pay any price for excellence. St. Paul said that despite their most valiant efforts, the athletes' successes and prizes are eventually forgotten. Even the greatest

athletic achievements, have not affected eternity.

If an athlete can be motivated to make incredible sacrifices for an perishable reward, how much more ought Christians to strive for an imperishable one? If an athlete will labour day after day in order to receive glory from others, how much harder ought Christians to work for the "well done" of their Master? Are you striving to bring your body into subjection for the glory of God? Are you training your mind to think the thoughts of God rather than thoughts of the world? Are you disciplining your life in prayer? When others are sleeping, are you interceding? Have you studied God's Word so diligently that you are prepared to find answers to the challenges you face? Have you equipped yourself in evangelism so that you are ready to share your faith? Have you prepared yourself as a Christian in order to qualify for the imperishable crown that awaits you? Ask for yourself and find out what answers do you get from your conscience.

-THE APOSTLE MATTHEW-

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beginning, God made him a record keeper. Jesus' call eventually allowed him to put his skills to their finest work. Matthew was a keen observer, and he undoubtedly recorded what he saw going on around him. The Gospel that bears his name came as a result.

Matthew's experience points out that each of us, from the beginning, is one of God's works in progress. Much of what God has for us He gives long before we are able to consciously respond to Him. He trusts us with skills and abilities ahead of schedule. He has made each of us capable of being His servant. When we trust Him with what He has given us, we begin a life of real adventure. Matthew could not have known that God would use the very skills he had sharpened as a tax collector to record the greatest story

ever lived. And God has no less meaningful purpose for each one of us. Have you recognized Jesus saying to you, "Follow me"? What has been your response?

Strengths and Accomplishments:

- ☆ One of Jesus' twelve disciples.
- ☆ Responded immediately to Jesus' call.
- ☆ Invited many friends to his home to meet Jesus.
- ☆ Clarified for his Jewish audience Jesus' fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies in his Gospel (Gospel of Matthew).

Lessons from his life:

- ❖ Jesus accepted people from every level of society.
- ❖ Having been accepted by Jesus, Matthew immediately tried to bring others into contact with Jesus.

Key verse:

—"As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him." (Matthew 9:9)

Mentioned in :

The Gospels and in Acts 1:13.

Vital Statistics:

- ❖ *Where* : Capernaum.
- ❖ *Relative*: Father- Alphaeus
- ❖ *Occupations*: Tax collector, Disciple of Jesus
- ❖ *Contemporaries*: Jesus, other disciples, Herod, Pilate.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (St. John 14:12-13)

BIBLE QUIZ!

VII. WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT LOVE

In **Mark 12:28** a teacher of religious law asked Jesus which of all the commandments was the most important to follow. Jesus mentioned two commandments, one from **Deuteronomy 6:5**, the other from **Leviticus 19:18**. Both had to do with love. Why is love so important? Jesus said that all of the commandments were given for two simple reasons: to help us love God and love others as we should. What else did Jesus say about love? Now, you have to find the references for the statements on love given below by Jesus taken from the **Gospel of St. Matthew**:

- 1) We are to love God.
- 2) Jesus wants us to love him through the good and through the difficult times.
- 3) We are to love one another and demonstrate that love.
- 4) God loves even those who hate him; we are to do the same.
- 5) Because God loves us, He cares for us.
- 6) God must be your first love.

ANSWERS TO Last Month's Quiz

VI. MORE ON THE APOSTLES

Order : (SetA), Son of (SetB), lived in (Set C)

1. Peter, meaning stone/rock, found in **Mark 8:29-33**
2. James, meaning Supplanter/heel, found in **Luke 9:52-56**
3. John, meaning Gift of God, found in **Mark 1:19**
4. Andrew, meaning manly/conqueror, found **John 1:41**
5. Philip, meaning lover of horses, found in **John 14:8-11**
6. Bartholomew, meaning Son of Tolmai, found in **John 1:49-51**
7. Matthew, meaning Gift of God, found in **Mark 2:14**
8. Thomas, meaning Twin, found

in **John 20:24-29**

9. James (the less), meaning supplanter / heel, found in **Luke 6:15**
10. Thaddaeus(Judas), meaning Praise, found in **John 14:22**
11. Simon, meaning God has heard, found in **Matthew 10:4**
12. Judas, meaning Praise, found in **John12:4-8**

Send Your Answers to:

JEEVAN DHAM, H.No. 696/ Sec-22, Faridabad-121005, Haryana.

Rules to be followed:

- ① Answers may be sent by post or e-mail latest by the 20th of the month. Answers received after the 20th will not be considered.
- ② You should clearly specify your name and postal address. Mention the quiz number and title before the answers written in order.
- ③ Prizes will be awarded to the winners of three consecutive quizzes.
- ④ Answers and winners of each quiz will be published in the subsequent issue of the newsletter.

Thanks for taking the Quiz! Good Luck!

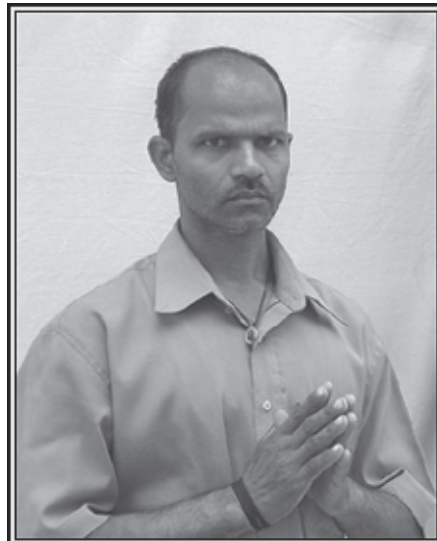
NOVENA PRAYER to the ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Glorious Saint Michael, guardian and defender of the Church of Jesus Christ, come to the assistance of His followers, against whom the powers of hell are unchained. Guard with special care our Holy Father, the Pope, and our bishops, priests, all our religious and lay people, and especially the children.

Saint Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the demon, and assist us especially at the hour of death. Help us achieve the happiness of beholding God face to face for all eternity. Amen.

Saint Michael, intercede for me with God in all my necessities, especially {mention special petition}. Obtain for me a favorable outcome in the matter I recommend to you. Mighty prince of the heavenly host, and victor over rebellious spirits, remember me for I am weak and sinful and so prone to pride and ambition. Be for me, I pray, my powerful aid in temptation and difficulty, and above all do not forsake me in my last struggle with the powers of evil. Amen.

LIVING WITNESSES OF GOD IN JEEVAN DHAM



MY GOD IS MY STRONGHOLD! AN AMAZING WITNESS

Praise be to Jesus! Thanks be to Jesus!

I, Gurudutt (age – 40 years), was physically very weak ever since the age of four. Even a shrill noise was enough to make me fall down unconscious. I could not bear any noise: somebody yelling, or several persons talking together, or a noise from the loudspeakers or TV or vehicles. I could not go near any noisy place. My parents used to admit me in the hospital very often whenever I became unconscious. Yet, the doctors were never able to diagnose the cause behind this weakness. One doctor said that my Blood Pressure level was very low and so I should be given saline water for raising my Blood pressure level to normal. A doctor at Pant Hospital after examining me declared that I'm fine and healthy and need not to worry. But his statement was wrong. Another doctor prescribed 3 tablets (*Ambulax*) a day to be taken all my life. Thereafter, I used to carry these tablets along with me everywhere, since I was afraid I would fall unconscious anywhere anytime. I never used to attend marriages or go to any public meetings. I could not travel in a bus.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, the Almighty.” (Revelation 1:8)

A friend of mine, living in the neighbourhood, told me about the healing prayer service going on here at Jeevan Dham. Believing in his words, I came here last Sunday and carefully listened to the Word of God and to the testimonies given by the believers. Even the sound from the speakers did not hurt me, nor the chant of "alleluia". I realized that this was indeed an unbelievable miracle. I left taking medicine from last Sunday onwards and till now I have never fallen down unconscious. I came here today in a crowded bus after so many years. What I could not get rid off by taking medicine all these 36 years, I got through prayers in just one day. I have recovered from body weakness feel that I am completely alright. PRAISE THE LORD! ALLELUIA!

Gurudutt,

Mongol Puri, New Delhi

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." (Psalms 18:2)

THE BLIND SEE THROUGH THEIR FAITH IN JESUS!

Praise be to Jesus! Thanks be to Jesus! I, Ram Vinod (age- 35 years), have been attending the prayer service here regularly every Sunday for the past four years. Today, I came here to give the testimony of my uncle's son, Ajay Kumar (age – 12 years), who lost his eyesight suddenly while studying at home (in Bihar) seven months back. I told my uncle to

send him here along with some escort, since the doctors there were unable to help him. My uncle could not believe my words that he could get back his eyesight just through prayers and so he did not send him here. Later, after few weeks, when I got the opportunity to visit my village in Bihar for my sister's marriage, I brought Ajay along with me assuring his parents that Lord Jesus will heal him and restore his vision back to normal. For the last three months, I have been bringing him for the prayer service every Sunday as well as at Sec-22, Jeevan Dham for the Holy Mass in the evening. I had also taken him to AIIMS, New Delhi and there they gave him specs to wear. But it was of no use. Our hopes were diminishing with time but I had faith in God. Last Sunday, after the Holy Mass, the prayer group leader announced that God is giving back vision to someone present there. I was definite that Ajay might be the one to get this blessing and so I asked Him. He denied it at that moment. But very soon, when we reached back home, to my amazement, he started reading the prayer book 'Naya Jeevan' and the newsletter 'Divyajyoti' effortlessly without any breaks. I realized that what I thought there was correct because he got back his vision completely and that he did not need any specs. Thanks and praise to the Lord Almighty who strengthened my faith and answered my prayers very soon. Now, even my uncle and all his family members too believe in the saving name of Jesus, who can work wonders for His believers. Alleluia!

Ajay Kumar, Vinod

Lakshmipur, Bihar

"Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly." (Mark 8:22)

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IMPORTANT TIMINGS

DAILY MORNING PRAYER :

On Weekdays from **9:00a.m. to 11:00p.m.** 24hr. Adoration is going on everyday for the last 11 months. You too can join us in prayer anytime.

HOLY MASS :

On Fridays: morning 10:00 a.m.

On Sundays: evening 6:30 p.m.

Are you ... worried & burdened?

Are you ... depressed?

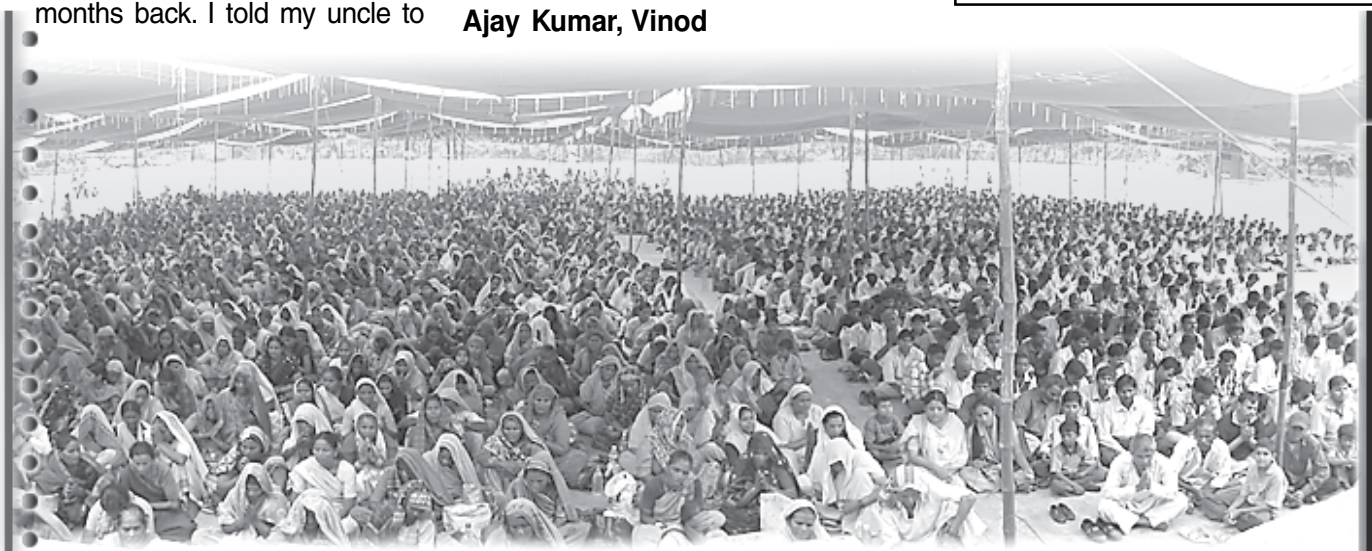
Are you ... sick or weak?

Do you ... feel the absence of peace & love in your life?

Are you ... grappling with a lot of problems in your life?

Then visit this place chosen by God & see for yourselves all the incredible miracles happening here. This place is '**JEEVAN DHAM**'. Believe in God and attend the prayer session held every Sunday at St. Anthony's School (ground), Sec-9, Faridabad from morning 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. organized with the grace of Almighty God by 'Jeevan Dham'- H.no.696/ Sec-22, Faridabad. Obtain invaluable graces & heavenly blessings & witness the miraculous healings performed by Him.

WELCOME TO JEEVAN DHAM!



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