

Prayer for Healing

Raphael said to them:

"Do not fear; peace be with you!

Bless God now and forever.

(Tobit 12:17)

Good and holy Saint Raphael, we invoke you as the intercessor for those afflicted with illness and bodily ailments as well as oppression. You prepared the remedy that brought sight back to Tobit, (Tobit 12:9-15) and you delivered Sara and Tobiah from the oppression of a demonic spirit (Tobit 8:1-18) that threatened their marriage.

We turn to you in our many and various needs for healing and we believe that it is the will of Christ Jesus and our Heavenly Father to cure our ailments under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Give us strength to bear our sufferings and unite them with all the sufferings of God's holy people until we are healed. Guide us in following the Way of Jesus, Son of the Living and True God.

Saint Raphael, you are *one of the seven angels who stand and serve before the Glory of the Lord*, (Tobit 12:15) and are called by many names including: the medicine of God, the health of the sick, the angel sent to cure, the patron of health, the patron of physicians, the scourge of demons. We pray for your powerful intercessions as we meditate upon the words of Christ Jesus:

Jesus said to them in reply, "Have faith in God. Amen, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it shall be done for him. Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours. (Mark 11:22-24)

In the verse that follows this passage Jesus also reminds us to pray with love in our hearts and to let go of any anger or resentments we may have towards another:

When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions.

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