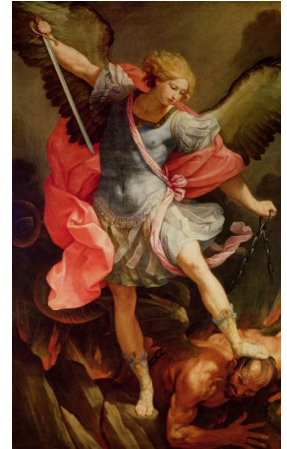


## **The Pope that inspired the St Michael Prayer. Pope Leo XIII**

In 1886 Pope Leo XIII instituted what would later be known as the “Leonine Prayers”. These prayers include the well-known Prayer to St. Michael. Pope Leo was said to have a profound vision that sparked its creation. The vision occurred between 1884 and 1886 and took place during the celebration of Mass. It prompted him to quickly compose the Prayer to St. Michael, and to request its use at the end of Low Masses.



The pope lived during particularly turbulent times, and he believed prayer was needed to dispel the darkness that hung over the world.

St. Michael the Archangel has always been known to be a powerful intercessor against evil, especially since he is recorded in the Book of Revelation as, “fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven” (Revelation 12:7-9).

Ever since Pope Leo XIII composed it, the St. Michael Prayer has continued to be a staple of Catholic prayer and is a prayer many exorcists recommend to anyone who needs to combat the presence of evil in their lives.

*Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle,  
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;  
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who  
prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*