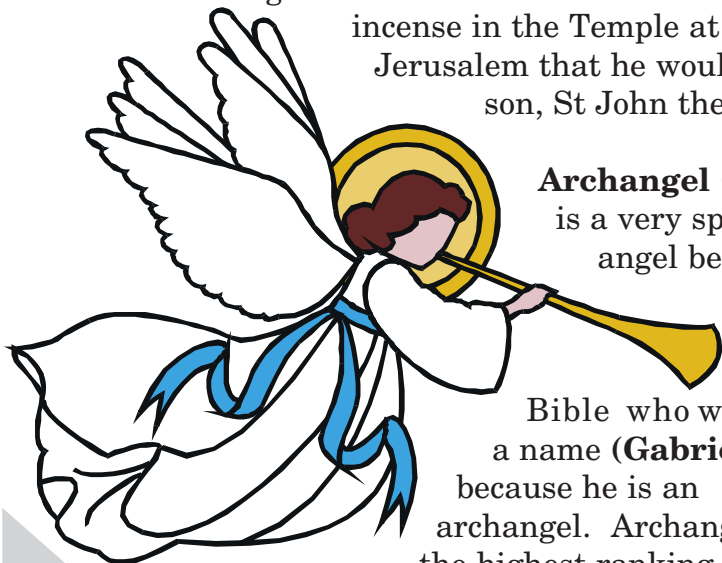




The Archangel Gabriel and Prayer

The Archangel Gabriel is a very special angel in the Holy Bible. The name “Gabriel” means, “*God is my warrior.*” It was this very special archangel who said, “*I am Gabriel who stands in the presence of God Himself; and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this Good News.*” (Luke 1:19)

This was the heavenly announcement of the birth of the baby Lord Jesus to the virgin St Mary in Nazareth. Also it was the Archangel Gabriel who earlier came to announce to the aged Zechariah while he was burning incense in the Temple at Jerusalem that he would have a son, St John the Baptist.



Archangel Gabriel is a very special angel because he is an angel in the Holy

Bible who was given a name (**Gabriel**), and because he is an archangel. Archangels are the highest ranking of all the angels mentioned in the Holy Bible. These angels stand in the very presence of God.



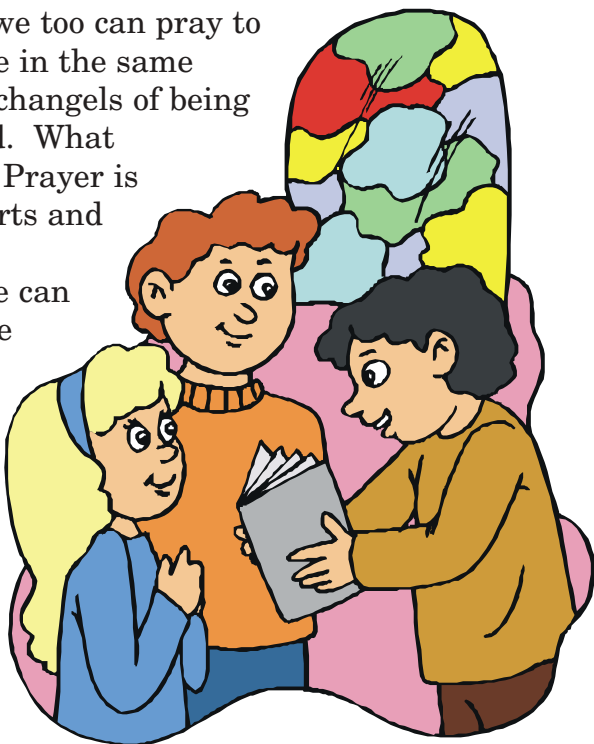
Their job is to pray to the Lord continually.

As human beings we too can pray to God, thus we share in the same privilege as the archangels of being able to pray to God. What exactly is prayer? Prayer is raising up our hearts and thoughts to God. Through prayer we can talk to God just the same as the six-winged archangels.

King Solomon prayed to God asking for wisdom. God was pleased with King Solomon's prayer. Inside

the fish, Jonah the prophet prayed to God. God kept Jonah safe and when the fish spit Jonah on dry land, Jonah learned obedience through prayer and went to Nineveh as he had been previously told. Nehemiah prayed for others. *"Please God help your people, your people are sad and afraid."* The king then allowed Nehemiah to go and help his people.

How should we pray for others as Nehemiah did? If someone is sick in your family, you pray for their returned good health. If someone has an exam you pray for his or her success.





It is always wise when praying to think of others first even if you are taking the same exam, are in the same competition, or perhaps angry with another. Pray for this person. God knows your personal needs and will take care of them, as He considers best.

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself taught us as His children how to pray:

*Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.
In Christ Jesus our Lord
For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory Forever.*





What great things did the Lord Jesus Christ teach us in The Lord's Prayer? (God's name will be always great and holy! The kingdom is God's with power and glory forever.) What did the Lord Jesus Christ ask for in prayer? (Set up your heavenly kingdom here on earth. Give us Your food for today. Forgive our sins. And help us to forgive others who have done wrong to us. Lead us away from wanting to do wrong things. Free us from the evil one, Satan.)

What do you think the "heavenly kingdom" is? (Children like you who love to pray and worship the Lord).

Always remember the Holy Book of Psalms 4:3 says,

*"The Lord
listens when
I pray to Him."*



Pray for me,

His Grace Bishop Youssef