

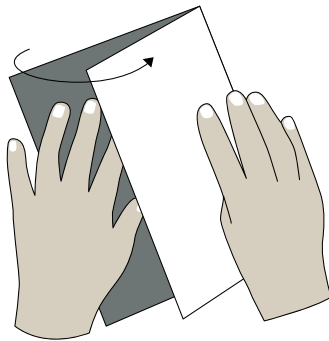
St. Raphael Medal for Healing Holy Card- (print at home)

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Pray for us!



St. Raphael

St. Raphael the Archangel

In the Book of Tobit, St. Raphael the Archangel appears in human disguise as a traveling companion to Tobias, guiding and protecting him throughout a dangerous journey while quietly carrying out God's plan of healing. He teaches Tobias practical wisdom and points to Christ's heart and healing through a miraculous catch of fish.

With the fish's heart and liver, Tobias prays with Sarah, his betrothed, who is plagued by a demon in her bridal chamber (representing sexual-related trauma and violence). Through the prayers of the couple and the powerful assistance of St. Raphael, the demon is bound and their bridal chamber is cleansed and reconsecrated to God.

Tobias and Sarah then travel to Tobias's father, Tobit, who suffers from blindness and doesn't recognize his son. His blindness is miraculously healed with the gall of the fish.

In the end, Raphael reveals his identity as "one of the seven holy angels who present the prayers of the saints and enter into the presence of the glory of the Lord" (Tobit 12:15). He emphasizes he was sent in response to prayer and shows that divine help often comes through the unseen presence of God and his angels.

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Amen.

May my works and my prayers give thanks to the Lord and bless the King of the ages.

O Blessed Archangel, let my prayers arise to behold the face of the Father and eternally bless him, with every pure and holy blessing.

St. Raphael, healer and faithful guide, protect me from all that harms the sacred spaces of my body, mind and soul. Heal me of every ailment and affliction and help me to receive God's blessing and healing.

Prayer to St. Raphael



Symbolism of the Medal



Front: Depicts the Archangel Raphael holding a fish, referencing the miraculous catch of fish in the Book of Tobit, and the healing narrative. Raphael's raised hand symbolizes blessing and divine assistance. The letters **R** and **A** represent the words **Raphael** and **Archangel**. He wears the traveler's cloak, indicating his companionship and intercession for those who are on a journey of faith and healing.

Back: Features the words "**THE LORD HEALS,**" emphasizing Christ as the source of all healing. **The large fish** represents Christ, represented often in early Christian iconography, because ichthys was an acrostic to transmit in Greek: Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior, **IC XC**, and the letters **A** and **U**, representing Christ as the **Alpha** and **Omega**. **The small fish** in the center symbolizes the miraculous fish in the Book of Tobit, which is Christologically connected by the symbol of **the Cross**, tying both fish together.

The Cross holds the fish liver, heart, and gall from the Book of Tobit. The fish heart is also the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is encircled by a crown of thorns and set ablaze with three flames of fire, representing the love of the Trinity, the source of all life and healing.

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