



Prayers

Lord, we ask for Your protection and guidance in our lives. In the story of Revelation, You saved the Woman Clothed with the Sun from the terrible dragon, giving her the wings of an eagle so she could escape. These wings represent spiritual intelligence which allows a person to see above the sensual evils of this world. We pray that You will grant us this spiritual sight and the will to soar above our baser selves so that we can come to be with You in Your heavenly kingdom at last. Amen. (see *Apocalypse Explained* 756)

Lord, the visions John saw on Patmos tell of a new church, a church clothed with the sun because of the love it has for You and for the neighbor. Help us to be part of that church, by acknowledging You and following Your way. Help our love for You be like the sun when it comes out in full strength. Amen. (see *Apocalypse Revealed* 533; *Apocalypse Explained* 707; Judges 5:31)

Lord, thank You for the great signs in heaven that You showed long ago to Your disciple John. They were a prophecy of the birth of a new Christian Church. We praise You for the wonderful fulfillment of that prophecy, which happened on the 19th day of June in 1770, when You gathered Your disciples together in the spiritual world. Teach us to proclaim, as they did on that day, that “the Lord God Jesus Christ is king, and His kingdom shall be for ever and ever!” Be with us as we celebrate this joyful day. Amen. (see *True Christian Religion* 791)

We pray, Lord, that Your New Church may be firmly established on the earth, that all people may be enlightened by Your Word, and follow You, and come to live with You forever. Amen

Lord, help us to be like Your angel Michael, who fought against the great red dragon. The dragon represents selfish and worldly desires which can lead us to think that we do not need to do what the Word tells us. Help us to stand up for what is right, to follow You even when it seems easier to go another way. Give us the sword of Your truth so that we may be prepared for spiritual battle against the dragons inside ourselves. Then, when the battles are done, we will be able to proclaim with a loud voice, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come.” Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Amen. (see *Apocalypse Explained* 712; Revelation 12:10 & 22:20)