

Archangel Raphael

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Raphael is the Archangel of healing and knowledge. His name means “God heals” and he often appears carrying a medicine jar and a staff, or walking stick, as he is also the patron of travelers. He is usually surrounded by a glowing green aura. Raphael is ruler of the planet Mercury and the element of Air. His direction is east, his season is spring, and his day of the week is Wednesday. Raphael's colors are yellow and green. Scents associated with Raphael are [Lavender](#), Lily of the Valley, Mint, Bergamot and Thyme. His flower is the Iris. Raphael rules the air signs of the zodiac – Aquarius, Libra and Gemini. Crystals linked to this healing archangel include [Malachite](#), [Citrine](#), [Green Aventurine](#) and [Yellow Calcite](#).

Raphael may be called upon, not only for healing, but safe travel (especially by air), new business ventures, purification, and issues involving technology, written works, and buying or selling. He is particularly fond of children, so if you have a sick child, ask Raphael for healing help. He can also aide in memory improvement, exam-taking and learning a new language.

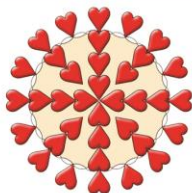
Malachite may be associated with Venus and the earth element, but because of its healing abilities, it has been linked to Raphael. This stunning, vibrant green gemstone has bands of deeper green, sometimes forming swirling patterns. As a healing stone, it is helpful in recharging the immune system, relieving migraines and strengthening the heart. Malachite can also be used to attract luck and money and is also an invaluable stone at home or work to shield us from harmful electromagnetic fields, such as those from electronics or telephone poles.

Green Aventurine is another green stone associated with Raphael because of its healing attributes. It heals the eyes and helps with anxiety as well as heart palpitations. Green Aventurine is also a prosperity stone, often referred to as “the gambler's stone” for it brings luck, especially in games of chance. It can aide in clairvoyance, psychic dreaming and seeing into the future. Green Aventurine is well-liked by nature spirits, so leaving a small tumbled stone outdoors, perhaps by a tree or tucked into a flower pot, may keep faeries from behaving too mischievously.

Citrine is a crystal of Mercury and the air element. In healing practices, it can be used for allergies, skin problems and digestive issues. This pale yellow crystal can also be used during meditation and visualization, making your thoughts and dreams become reality. Citrine can be a powerful prosperity crystal as well.

Another yellow crystal affiliated with archangel Raphael is **Yellow Calcite**. This crystal is a gentle healer, often used for distance healing. It's also beneficial for painful joints, bones and muscles. It also releases stress, increases creativity and gives us a return back to that feeling known as “fun”. Yellow Calcite is also called a wishing stone and may increase psychic awareness, prosperity and strength, be it spiritual or physical.

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