

Crystals and Archangels

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Angels are, in essence, energy; celestial beings that are the messengers between the Divine and mankind. They are nondenominational and have been guiding us for centuries in every culture and on every continent. Angels transcend time and space, meaning that they can be at more than one place at a time. They often come to us in times of peril, grief and even great joy. They can be called upon to help us with almost any problem, no matter how trivial we may think it is.

The Archangels are the highest in the angelic hierarchy, which has nine tiers and includes Angels, Principalities, Powers, Virtues, Dominions, Thrones, Cherubim and Seraphim. Our very own guardian angels fall into the Angel hierarchy. Archangels are those that rule different days of the week, seasons, planets, elements, and so on. Traditionally, there are seven major Archangels – Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Chamuel, Jophiel and Zadkiel.

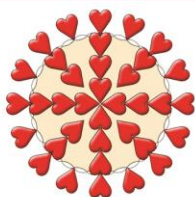
Each of the Archangels corresponds to certain crystal or gemstone energies. Crystals, after all, are of Earth's energy, and they can be excellent amplifiers and conductors of this energy, thus enabling us to communicate, heal and become more “in tune” with the angelic realm.

As with any crystal, those listed with each of the Archangels may not seem “right” to you. In these cases, it's best to go with your intuition and let the stones choose you. The crystals corresponding to each of the Archangels are usually also associated with that angel's planet, element, or zodiac sign. If the first one on the list doesn't strike a chord with you, look to the others. For example, if you want to ask help from archangel Michael, and his crystals include [Amber](#) or [Golden Topaz](#), and these just don't cut it for you, then try [Clear Quartz](#) crystal or even the [Sugilite](#). Michael is associated with the Sun, so any crystal that is also linked to the Sun, such as [Citrine](#), [Carnelian](#), [Tiger's Eye](#) or [Sunstone](#) will also work. Again, go with your gut feeling. Maybe you'd like to use the stones associated with Michael's zodiac signs of Leo, Aries or Sagittarius. That's fine too, as long as you're comfortable.

So, what do you do with the crystals once you have them? It's really just up to you. Be as creative as you want. You could place a few tumbled crystals around a candle associated with a particular angel and ask for his/her aide. You might carry them around in your pocket, or wear them as pendants on that angel's corresponding day of the week for some added comfort or protection. If you feel comfortable meditating and using visualization to ask your petition, then hold the crystals in your hands or place them around a candle in front of you. There really is no set way, and the choices are endless. Use your imagination. Even if you have just one crystal, that's all you need. Angels aren't picky, and if you can “feel” the energy from your crystal and are comfortable with it, then you are on the right path. Keep walking a bit further, and we'll look at the Archangels and their corresponding crystals together. Come along!

Our next article talks about Crystals that can help you to connect to Archangel Michael.

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