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Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel,
Defend us in battle,
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
By the Divine Power of God,
Thrust into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who wander about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

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Originally Posted by **Wyatt**

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I don't have a direct answer to your question. However let me put some thoughts out. To Bless or specifically Consecrate something is to dedicate it to the exclusive use of God or for God. The human body of the person was Baptized and became a temple of he Holy Spirit while the person was alive. Was dedicated to God which is why we do not abuse our bodies and treat them with respect. To place this Holy object, in Holy ground seems to make sense to me.

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