

Upon Returning to the first Cruciform Bead:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Large Bead:

The Lord' Prayer (*or as the beginning of the Invitatory*)

The Small Beads:

The God of Peace is with you.

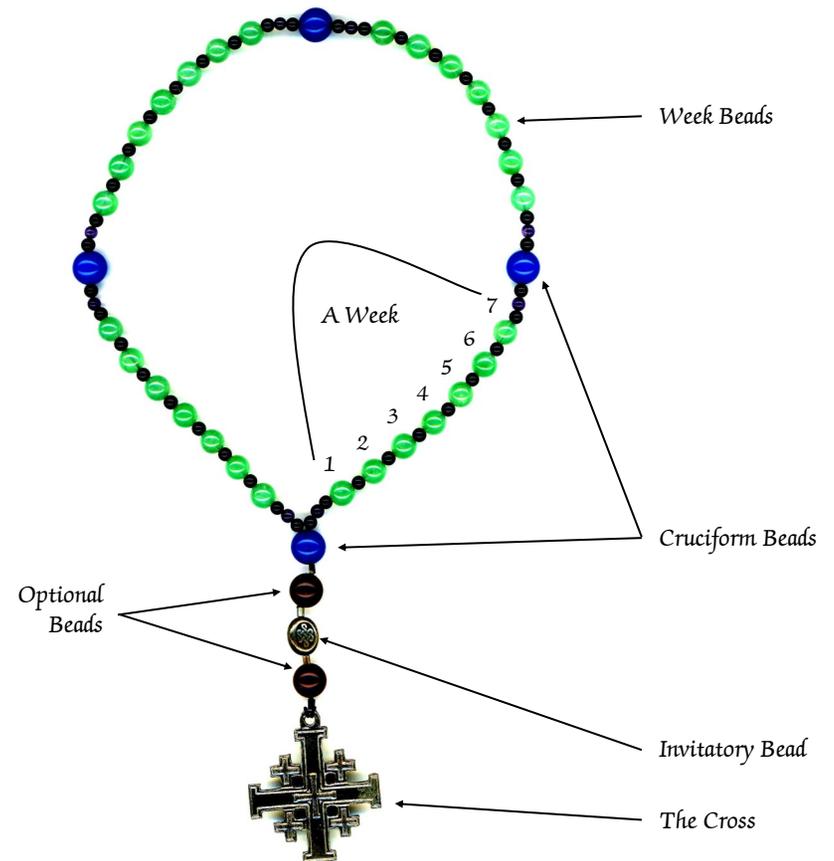
Invitatory:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that I receive;
it is in pardoning that I am pardoned;
and it is in dying that I am born to eternal life. Amen.

At the Cross

O God of peace, who hast taught that in returning and rest I shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be My strength: By the might of your Spirit lift me, I pray, to your presence, where I may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Model for using Anglican Prayer Beads (A Rosary for Episcopalians) to Pray for Peace



Anglican Prayer Beads, like a rosary, provide for a repetition of mantra-like prayers interspersed with meditation. Rather than the decades of the rosary (patterns of ten beads), the Anglican Prayer Beads are built around four “weeks” of seven beads. The entrée to the weeks is made up of opening prayers and an invitatory psalm, with a second set of prayers and invitatory for exit from the weeks.

Various models for prayer with the beads are possible, and many forms can be found by searching online.

At the Cross: (recite)

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just or pure or pleasing or commendable, if there is any excellence or anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep doing what you have learned and heard and seen in the saints of God, and the God of peace will be with you. (*Philippians 4:6-9*)

At the Invitatory Bead:

Put on the whole armor of God,
so that you may be able to stand firm
against the powers of darkness.
Fasten the belt of truth around your waist;
Put on the breastplate of righteousness.
As shoes for your feet
Put on the desire to proclaim the gospel of peace.
For your shield take up faith,
with which you will be able to quench
all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
Cover your head with the helmet of salvation.
Wield as your weapon the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.
Pray in the Spirit at all times
in every prayer and supplication.
To that end keep alert and
always pray fervently for all the saints,
Especially those who suffer persecution.

At the small beads (if there are any):

O Peace of Christ, rule my mind and guard my tongue.

At the large Bead (if there is one):

The Lord' Prayer (*if there is no large bead, simply say this as the conclusion of the Invitatory.*)

At the first Cruciform Bead

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be completely yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the good of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For each of the Week Beads

O Peace of Christ, rule my mind and guard my tongue.

At the second Cruciform Bead

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you Would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the third Cruciform Bead:

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

At the fourth Cruciform Bead:

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.