

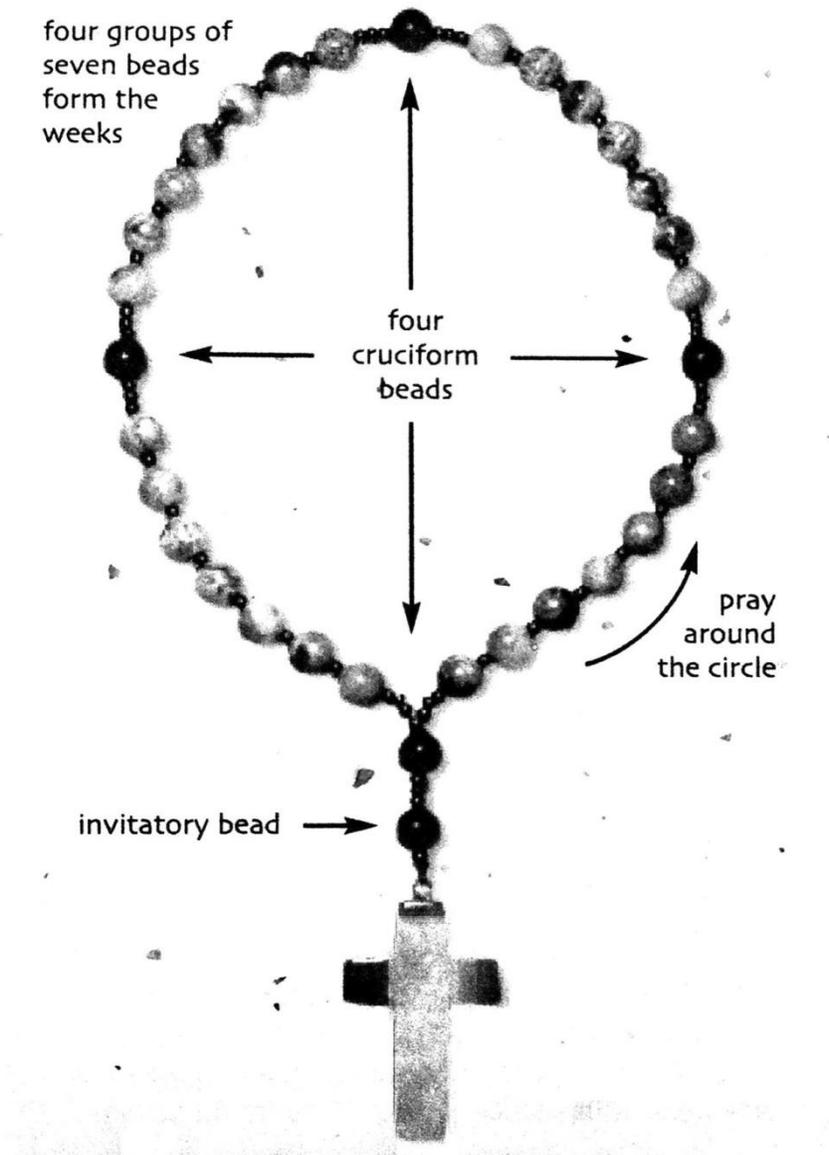
Praying Using Episcopal Prayer Beads



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Episcopal prayer beads consist of a Cross, an Invitatory bead, 4 sets of 7 beads that are called the Weeks, and 4 beads which separate the beads in the Weeks, called the Cruciform beads because they form a cross when the beads are placed on a flat surface.

The 7 beads in the Weeks section represent the 7 days of the week and also 7 is considered the number of completeness and spiritual perfection. The total number of beads is 33, which represents the number of years of Jesus' earthly ministry.



Praying Episcopal Beads:

You may select one of the sets of prayers here, or use other prayers you know. Using prayer beads in the Episcopal Church allows the prayer maximum flexibility to select the prayers that suit their communication with God. There are a number of different sets of prayers that can be found by doing an Internet search for "Episcopal Prayer Beads, Anglican Prayer Beads," or "Anglican Rosary." You may also choose to combine portions of any of the prayers, i.e., using the Cross prayer from one prayer, the Invitatory from another, and Weeks or Cruciform prayers from another. The important part of praying with the prayer beads is to do it at a steady, preferably slow, pace. The way you pray using the beads is to systematically follow the pattern described here. It is also suggested to do it three times, which represents the Trinity. Conclude with a period of reflection and listening to the voice of God.

1. Begin at the Cross, choosing a prayer for the Cross.
2. Move to the Invitatory Bead and choose a prayer for the Invitatory bead.
3. Move to the Cruciform and choose a prayer to pray. This prayer can be used on all the Cruciform beads or you may choose different prayers for each one.
4. Choose a prayer or combination of prayers for each of the Weeks beads.
5. Pray the circlet 3 times through.
6. On the last time, select a prayer for the Invitatory bead and finally the Cross. It is suggested to pray the Lord's Prayer the last time through on the Invitatory bead.

Praying the beads in a slow, steady pace, and pausing for reflection after each completion may bring you into a deeper state of prayer.

The prayer beads, or Rosary may be prayed individually or as a group.

Trisagion* and Jesus Prayer

The Cross

In the Name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Invitatory Bead

O God, make speed to save me (us).
O Lord, make haste to help me (us).
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Cruciforms

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon me (us).

The Weeks

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.
Or, in a group setting:
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us.

Closing Prayers

The following ending can be used with any of the prayers here.. After 3 circuits around the prayer beads, you may finish as follows:

Invitatory Bead

The Lord's Prayer

The Cross

I bless the Lord.
Or, in a group setting:
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Trisagion means "thrice (three times) Holy"

Agnus Dei*

The Cross

The Lord's Prayer

Invitatory Bead

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." – Psalm 19:14

The Cruciforms

Oh, Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world
have mercy upon us.
Oh, Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world
have mercy upon us.
Oh, Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world
give us Thy Peace.

The Weeks

Almighty and merciful Lord,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us. Amen.

Closing your Prayers

The following ending can be used with any of the prayers in this guide. After 3 circuits around the prayer beads, you may finish as follows:

Invitatory Bead

The Lord's Prayer

The Cross

I bless the Lord.
Or, in a group setting:
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God"

Come Lord Jesus Prayer

The Cross

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen. —Rev 7:12

Invitatory Bead

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.—Psalm 46:1

The Cruciforms

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's Holy Name.—Psalm 103:1

The Weeks

Come Lord Jesus, draw us to yourself.—John 12:32

Closing Prayers

The following ending can be used with any of the prayers here.. After 3 circuits around the prayer beads, you may finish as follows:

Invitatory Bead

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.—Psalm 46:1

The Cross

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen. —Rev 7:12

Bless the Lord Prayer

The Cross

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitatory Bead

O God make speed to save me (us),
O Lord make haste to help me (us),
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Cruciforms

Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord. You that stand in the house of the Lord, lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord.

The Weeks

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
From where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth.

Closing Prayers

The following ending can be used with any of the prayers here.. After 3 circuits around the prayer beads, you may finish as follows:

Invitatory Bead

O God make speed to save me (us),
O Lord make haste to help me (us),
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Cross

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Julian of Norwich Prayer

The Cross

In the Name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Invitatory Bead

O God make speed to save me (us),
O Lord make haste to help me (us),
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.

The Cruciforms

God of your goodness, give me yourself,
For you are enough to me.
And I can ask for nothing less that is to your glory.
And if I ask for anything less, I shall still be in want, for
only in you have I all.

The Weeks

All shall be well, and all shall be well,
And all manner of things shall be well.

Closing Prayers

The following ending can be used with any of the
prayers here.. After 3 circuits around the prayer
beads, you may finish as
follows:

Invitatory Bead

O God make speed to save me (us),
O Lord make haste to help me (us),
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen

The Cross

In the Name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celtic Prayer

The Cross

In the Name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Invitatory Bead

O God make speed to save me (us),
O Lord make haste to help me (us),
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.

The Cruciforms

Be the eye of God dwelling with me,
The foot of Christ in guidance with me,
The shower of the Spirit pouring on me,
Richly and generously.

The Weeks

Pray each phrase on a separate bead:

I bow before the Father who made me,
I bow before the Son who saved me,
I bow before the Spirit who guides me,
In love and adoration.
I praise the Name of the one on high.
I bow before thee Sacred Three,
The ever One, the Trinity.

Closing Prayers

The following ending can be used with any of the
prayers here.. After 3 circuits around the prayer
beads, you may finish as
follows:

Invitatory Bead

O God make speed to save me (us),
O Lord make haste to help me (us),
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen

The Cross

In the Name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

St. Francis Prayer

The Cross

In the Name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Invitatory Bead

Call to me and I will answer you...-Jeremiah 33:3

The Cruciforms

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.-Romans 8:28

The Weeks

(Weeks one and three)

1. Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

2. where there is injury, pardon;

3. where there is discord, union;

4. where there is doubt, faith;

5. where there is despair, hope;

6. where there is darkness, light;

7. where there is sadness, joy.

(Weeks two and four)

1. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

2. to be understood as to understand;

3. to be loved as to love.

4. For it is in giving that we receive;

5. it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

6. and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

7. Amen.

Closing Prayers

The following ending can be used with any of the prayers here.. After 3 circuits around the prayer beads, you may finish as follows:

Invitatory Bead

Call to me and I will answer you...-Jeremiah 33:3

The Cross

In the Name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

An Evening Prayer

The Cross

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Bead

Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim
Your praise.

The Cruciforms

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep
we may rest in peace.

The Weeks

Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

Closing Prayers

The following ending can be used with any of the prayers here.. After 3 circuits around the prayer beads, you may finish as follows:

Invitatory Bead

Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim
Your praise.

The Cross

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.