

How to Make your Anglican Prayer Beads

- ❖ Supplies you will need (see diagram on next page)
 - 1 **Cross**
 - 28 beads of the same size - **Weeks Beads**
 - 4 beads of the same size that are either a different size or material than are the Weeks Beads - **Cruciform Beads**
 - 1 larger bead - **Invitatory Bead**
 - 1 small bead - **Resurrection Bead** (optional)
 - 50+ very small **Spacer Beads** (optional)
 - ~30 in. of cord – a triple strand must fit through all of your beads when using a needle (e.g. beading cord, beading thread, fishing line, waxed cotton cord)
 - large eye beading needle (see photo below)
- ❖ Other items you need
 - Small Binder Clip or something to temporarily tie one end of your cord to so the beads do not slip off
 - Scissors
 - A tray or cookie sheet
 - Kitchen or hand towel
- ❖ Lay out the towel on the tray – this will help prevent the beads from rolling away
- ❖ Place all of your beads on the towel – you can arrange them as in the diagram or select them as you go
- ❖ Thread the needle
 - Gently open the center eye of the needle a little bit – enough so that you can put the cord/thread through it
- ❖ Attach the binder clip to the other end of the thread so the beads do not slip off when you add them
- ❖ Place beads on your string starting at the top of the diagram and following the arrows
 - Start with the 1st **Cruciform Bead**
 - When you get to the 3rd **Cruciform Bead**, thread through the beads down to the **Cross**
 - After going through the **Cross**, thread up again through the 3 **Spacer Beads**, **Invitatory Bead**, **Spacer Beads**, **Resurrection Bead**, **Spacer Beads**, and the 3rd **Cruciform Bead**
 - Continue up the other side, until you get to the last bead
- ❖ Tie ends of your string together with several knots
- ❖ Thread each of the ends of your cord through the beads
- ❖ Clip of any remaining cord that is sticking out
- ❖ Enjoy praying with your new Prayer Beads!



