

Prayer Beads

Anglican prayer bead sets consist of thirty-three beads divided into groups.

There are four groups consisting of seven beads with additional separate and larger beads separating the groups.

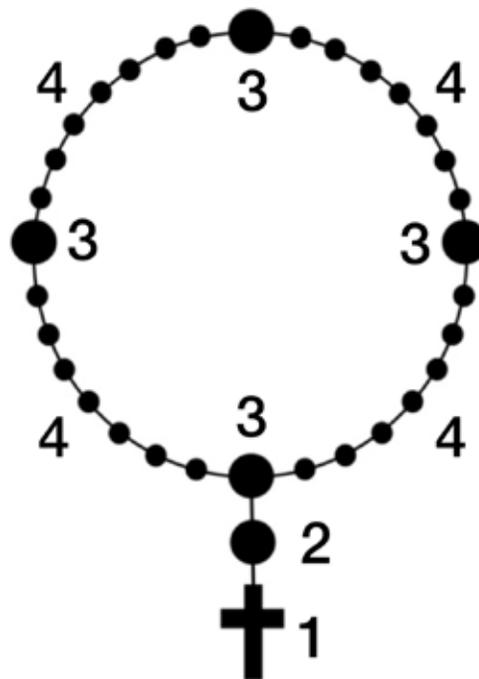
The number 33 signifies the number of years that Christ lived on the Earth, while the number seven signifies wholeness or completion in the faith, the days of creation, and the seasons of the Church year.

The groupings are called “weeks.” The beads between and usually larger than the “weeks” beads are called “cruciform” beads. When the loop of beads is opened into a circular shape, these particular beads form the points of a cross within the circle of the set, hence the term “cruciform.”

Next after the cross on Anglican prayer bead sets is a single bead termed the “invitatory” bead, giving the total of thirty-three.

Praying with the prayer beads

The standard Anglican set consists of the following pattern: Start with the cross (1), then the Invitatory Bead (2), then the first Cruciform bead (3), moving to the right, through the first set of seven beads (4) to the next Cruciform bead, continuing around the circle. It is suggested that you pray around the circle three times (signifying the Holy Trinity). You may conclude by saying the Lord’s prayer on the invitatory bead and/or a final prayer on the cross as in the examples at right.



Prayers

THE CROSS

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

THE INVITATORY

O God make speed to save me,
O Lord make haste to help me,
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.

THE WEEKS

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CROSS

I bless the Lord.

See the second page for alternative prayers.

Mix and match the prayers to create your personal set.

Bless The Lord

THE CROSS

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

THE INVITATORY

O God make speed to save me,
O Lord make haste to help me,
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.

Trisagion and Jesus Prayer

THE CROSS

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

THE INVITATORY

O God make speed to save me,
O Lord make haste to help me,
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.

THE WEEKS

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

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.”

—*Revelation 7:12*

THE INVITATORY

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

THE CRUCIFORMS

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and
all that is within me, bless God’s
Holy Name.”—*Psalms 103:1*

THE WEEKS

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

Julian of Norwich Prayer

THE CROSS

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

THE INVITATORY

O God make speed to save me,
O Lord make haste to help me,
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.

Or

In His love He has done His
works, and in His love He has
made all things beneficial to us.

Agnus Dei Prayer

THE CROSS

The Lord’s Prayer

THE INVITATORY

“Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my
redeemer.”—*Psalms 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.

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.

THE INVITATORY

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.