The Anglican Rosary

Anglican Prayer Beads, also known as the Anglican Rosary or the Anglican Chaplet, are a prayer aid used primarily by Anglicans, but may be used by anyone. Different kinds of prayer beads are used by different denominations to keep count of how many times a particular prayer has been said. Other types of prayer beads include the Dominican Rosary (Catholic), the Wreath of Christ (Lutheran), and prayer rope (Orthodox).

The Names of the Reads



The large bead (or knot) next to the Cross is called the *Invitatory* bead. The rest of the large beads are called the *Cruciform* beads, because they form a Cross. Each group of seven small beads is called a *Week*.

Prayer

Begin at the Cross, by making the Sign of the Cross:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then, at the Invitatory bead:

O God make speed to save me/us, O Lord make haste to help me/us, Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen. After that, at each Cruciform bead:

Holy God, God Almighty, Holy Immortal One: Have mercy upon me/us.

And for each of the small beads in each week, say the Jesus Prayer:

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

Upon returning to the Invitatory bead, say The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, which 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Then, finishing on the Cross:

I bless the Lord. / Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Significance of the Number of Reads

In total, there are thirty-three beads: One for each year Jesus lived on Earth. Each week contains seven beads: One for each day of creation, as well as the seasons of the liturgical year. The entire cycle may be done three times, to signify the Holy Trinity.

Learn More

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