

## SYMBOLISM OF THE ANGLICAN ROSARY

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You may be wondering how many beads does an Anglican rosary have?

**Anglican prayer beads are composed of a cross and 33 beads, 5 large and 28 small.** Thirty-two of the beads form a circle, with one large bead and the cross outside the circle. The thirty-three beads remind us of the number of years of Jesus' life on earth before his ascension to heaven.

Starting at the bottom, the **Cross** "☩" is where we begin our prayers by holding it in one hand and welcoming God's presence.

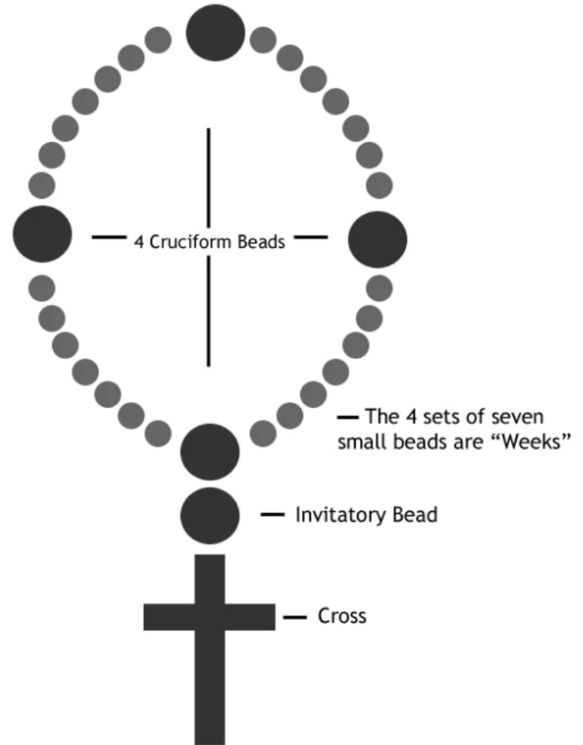
**An Invitation:** The large bead directly above the cross is referred to as the **invitatory bead** and acts as a call to worship the Lord inviting us into the circle of prayer.

Some prayer beads include an additional small bead just above the invitatory, this is often referred to as the **Resurrection** bead and signifies a reminder that Christ lives on.

**The Invisible Cross:** Inside the circle are four large beads evenly spaced between the twenty-eight smaller beads. These four are termed **cruciform beads** because they form an invisible cross within the loop.

**Seven Days:** The small beads divided into groups of seven by the cruciform are called "weeks" because they represent the seven days of the week and also recall the seven days of creation.

The diagram of Anglican Prayer Beads below is a break down of the individual beads and what they correspond to.



### The Via Media Rosary beads:

