

# Advent Prayer Beads

1. Begin with the heart. Ask God to open your heart and mind as you experience the greatest love story ever! *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life.*- John 3:16

2. Move to the black bead.

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light."* – Isaiah 9:2

In what ways are you walking in darkness?

Pray about the darkness in your life asking God to show you the light.

Pray for those who are living in darkness in need of the light of Christ in their lives.

3. Move to the pink & grey beads representing a simple girl, Mary, and a humble man, Joseph.

Mary responds to the angel after hearing that God has chosen her to be the mother of His son, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." (Luke 1:38)

Joseph "did just as an angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife." (Matthew 1:24)

Consider Mary and Joseph's humble obedience. Pray for God to help you learn to be humbly obedient in your life.

4. Move to the set of 3 purple & 1 pink bead. Purple is the liturgical color for the season of Advent. The color pink often represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday as a symbol of joy. As you move your hand over each bead pray for hope, peace, joy, and love.

~Hope: What are your hopes for your life, your family, our world?

~Peace: Pray for peace in your life and in the world.

~Joy: Give thanks to God. What reasons do you have to be joyfilled?

~Love: Pray for God's love to fill your heart and your life.

5. Move to the white bead. White is the color that represents, purity, holiness, and light. This bead is the Christ bead.

*"A child is born to us, a son is given to us...He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."*

– Isaiah 9:6

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the light of life."* – John 8:12

Jesus is the light of the world. Give thanks to God for his indescribable gift!

6. Move to the dusty colored bead.

*"Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord."* - Luke 2:10-11.

The angels first announced the good news to the shepherds. What does this tell you about God's love? Pray for those who live on the margins of our society who need to hear the Good News of Christ.

7. Move to the gold, silver, and copper beads. These beads represent the gifts of the Magi.

*"They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* – Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you bring to Jesus? Pray, asking God to show you how he has gifted you to serve him.

8. The next bead is different from the rest. *"Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature."* – Romans 12:2

God sent Jesus to teach us how to live and how to love. Pray for the Holy Spirit to create a desire in you to grow and discover God's Word and to learn how to live your life as Jesus taught.

9. Move to the red bead. This bead represents the blood of Christ. Remember that Jesus came to die on the cross for you. Thank Jesus for his sacrificial love. How is he calling you to serve him with sacrificial love?

10. The cross. Thank God for naming you his beloved child. Go and share his love!

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