**Last Sunday of Epiphany**

**February 27, 2022**

**The Cross**

*Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

Blessed be the Light of the World: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

**And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Invitatory**

May we be still and know that you are God.

**Cruciform 1**

I’m mindful of what St. Paul said in Romans, when he said, ‘The Spirit helps us in our weakness, because we don’t know how to pray as we are.” And sometimes the Spirit intercedes for us, with sighs too deep for words. We pray for peace, but maybe we don’t have the words. We pray for a just peace, but maybe we don’t have the words. We pray that the lives of innocents and the lives of any human child of God will be spared. We pray that our leaders will find a diplomatic way, a nonviolent way of solution. But we don’t know how to pray as we are. So, the Spirit must intercede for us at this time.

*~The Most Rev. Michael Curry*

**Week 1** *(the 7 beads between cruciform beads)*

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the World.

**Fill our minds with your peace,**

**our hearts with your love,**

**And our souls with your mercy.**

**Cruciform 2**

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*~Archbishop Justin Welby*

*~Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

**Week 2**

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the World.

**Fill our minds with your peace,**

**our hearts with your love,**

**And our souls with your mercy.**

**Cruciform 3**

O God, we pray this day:
for all who have a song they cannot sing,
for all who have a burden they cannot bear,
**for all who live in chains they cannot break,**for all who wander homeless and cannot return,
**for those who are sick and for those who tend them,**for those who wait for loved ones
and wait in vain,
**for those who live in hunger
and for those will not share their bread,**for those who are misunderstood
and for those who misunderstand,
**for those who are captives and for those who are captors,**
for those whose words of love are locked within their hearts
**and for those who yearn to hear those words.**Have mercy upon these, O God,
**Have mercy upon us all. Amen.**

*~Ann Weems*

**Week 3**

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the World.

**Fill our minds with your peace,**

**our hearts with your love,**

**And our souls with your mercy.**

**Cruciform 4**

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

**Week 4**

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the World.

**Fill our minds with your peace,**

**our hearts with your love,**

**And our souls with your mercy.**

**Concluding Prayer** (Return to Cruciform 1 Bead)

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal** (Return to Invitatory Bead)

Blessed be the Light of the World.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Cross**

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

**Fasting**

“I invite everyone to make March 2, Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting for peace,” he said. “I encourage believers in a special way to devote themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace protect the world from the folly of war.”

*~Pope Francis*

**Almsgiving**

Unicef

[www.unicefusa.org](http://www.unicefusa.org)

Doctors Without Borders

[www.doctorswithoutborders.org/what-we-do/countries/ukraine](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/what-we-do/countries/ukraine)

CARE

[www.care.org](http://www.care.org)

Save the Children

[www.safethechildren.org](http://www.safethechildren.org)

The **Anglican Prayer Beads** were designed by Mary Clare Evans - daughter of St. Timothy’s first rector Bob Hedges – which reflect different elements of our sanctuary. She chose the large dark, porous beads to represent the beams; the glass beads reflect the colors of the brick; the medallion is stamped with our cornerstone cross.

With assistance from her husband Dan, Mary Clare lovingly hand-stamped over 250 medallions along with packaging the beads.

With much gratitude and love for your presence in my life, I assembled the Anglican Prayer Beads while holding each of you in my heart and prayers.

*~Mary+*

For more information about Mary Clare’s craft, go to [www.etsy.com/people/maryclareevans](http://www.etsy.com/people/maryclareevans)

For more information about Anglican Prayer Beads, go to <http://kingofpeace.org/prayerbeads.htm>