

Praying the Parable of the Good Samaritan

The Rev. Sylvia Miller-Mutia

Cross: We pray to God, the One who creates, the One who befriends, the one who inspires; Who holds us close wherever we go, whatever we do, who's holding us now.

Invitatory: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Cruciform 1: Remember Traveler who was on a journey from Jerusalem to Jericho...

Week 1: God give me strength, wherever I go
(*Strength...*)

Cruciform 2: Remember the Priest who passed by; he might have been scared.

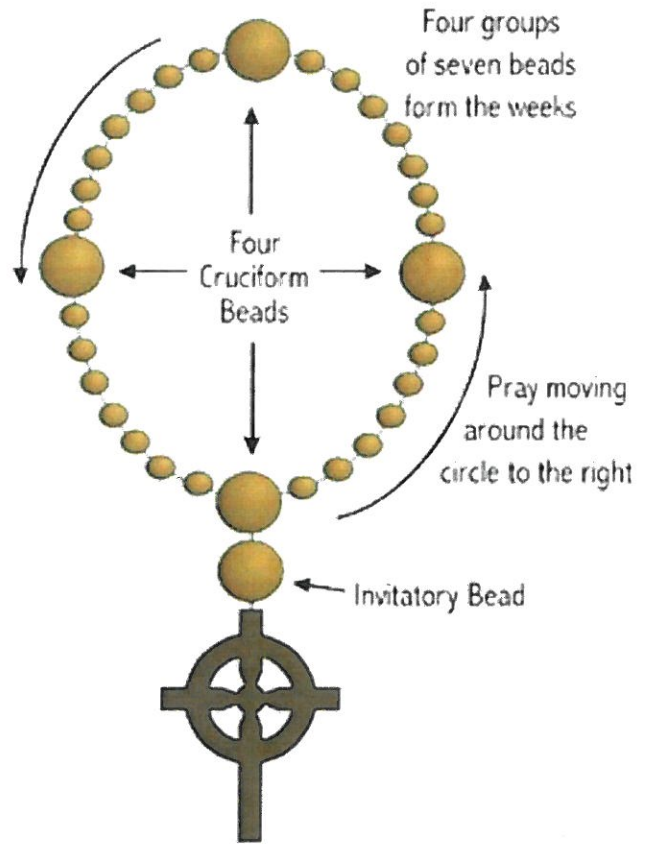
Week 2: God, give me courage when I'm afraid
(*Courage...*)

Cruciform 3: Remember the Levite who passed by; he might have been in a hurry

Week 3: God give me patience when I'm in a hurry
(*Patience...*)

Cruciform 4: Remember the Samaritan who helped a stranger in need.

Week 4: God help me love all—strangers and friends
(*Love...*)



Praying the Parable of the Sower

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Invitatory: God creates life. Life beholds beauty. Beauty begets love. Love is the life of God.

Cruciform 1: Remember the sower who went out to sow, and some seeds fell along the path and the birds ate the seeds...

Week 1: God, plant your love deep in me.
(*Deep...*)

Cruciform 2: Remember the seeds that fell among stones, and the seeds could not take root, and the sun scorched the plants.

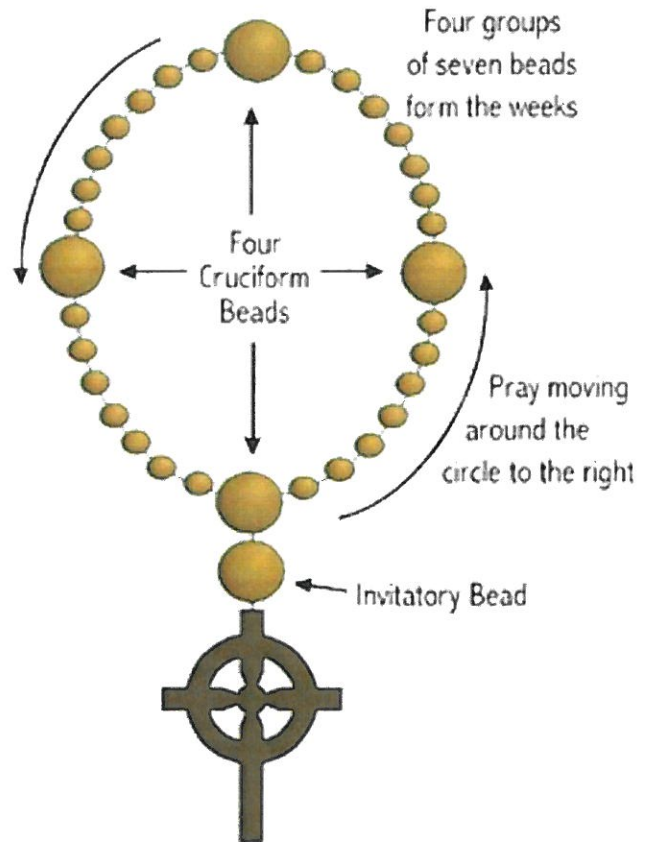
Week 2: God, let your love take root in me
(*Root...*)

Cruciform 3:
Remember the seeds that fell among the thorns, and the thorns choked the plants.

Week 3: God, make space for your love in me
(*Space...*)

Cruciform 4:
Remember the seeds that fell on good earth, and the plants grew and grew

Week 4: God let your love grow in me
(*Grow...*)



Praying the Parable of the Mustard Seed

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Invitatory: God creates life. Life beholds beauty. Beauty begets love. Love is the life of God.

Cruciform 1: Remember the mustard seed, the tiniest of all seeds

Week 1: God, help me to notice the things that matter, especially the little things (*Notice...*)

Cruciform 2: Remember the mustard seed being planted in the ground

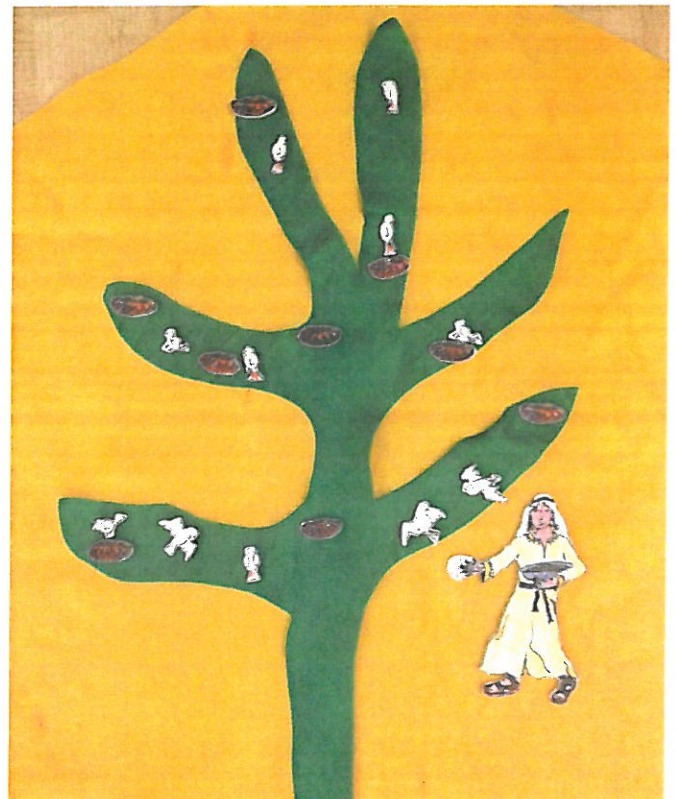
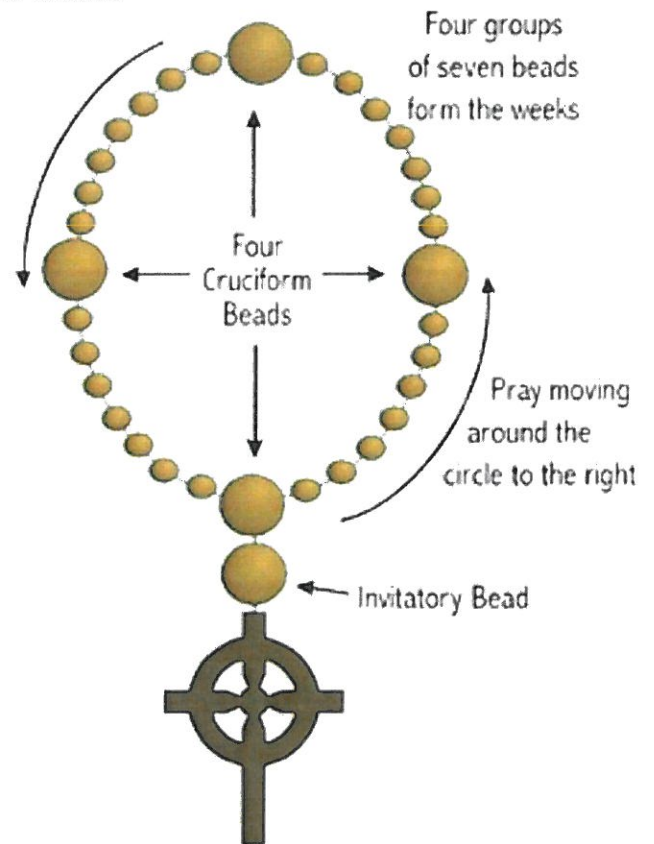
Week 2: God, help me to trust in your plan and your power (*Trust...*)

Cruciform 3: Remember the tiny seed growing and growing until it was like a tree

Week 3: God, let your kingdom grow in and through me (*Grow...*)

Cruciform 4: Remember how the birds of the air came, and made their nests in that tree

Week 4: God help me reach out to others and welcome them (*Welcome...*)



Praying the Parable of the Good Shepherd

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Invitatory: The Lord is my shepherd I'll walk with him always. (2x) Always, always, I'll walk with him always. (2x)

Cruciform 1: Remember the Good Shepherd, who shows the way to the good green grass.

Week 1: Pray for the hungry; O God, feed them. (*Feed...*)

Cruciform 2: Remember the Good Shepherd, who shows the way to the cool, fresh, water.

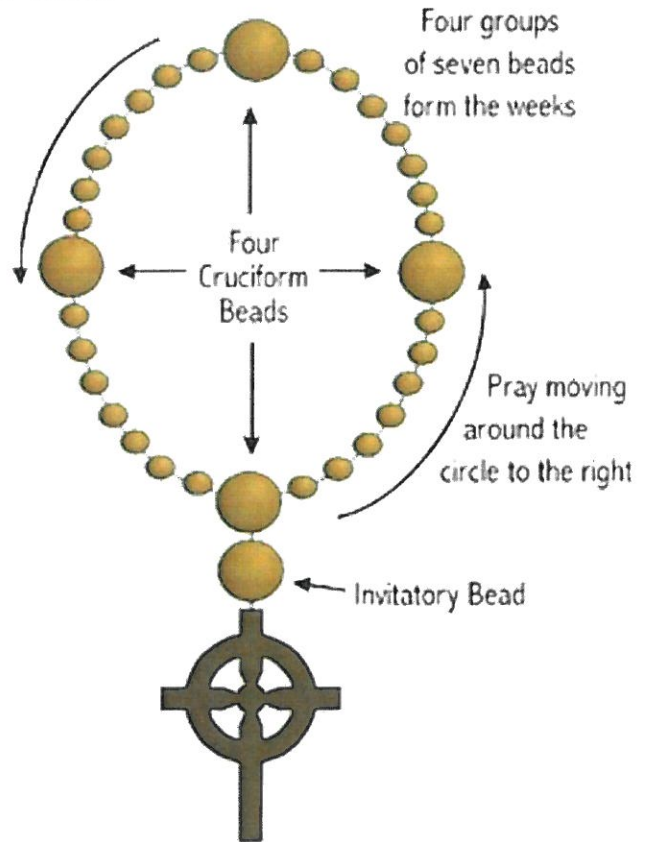
Week 2: Pray for the thirsty, the tired, the weary; O God, refresh them. (*Refresh...*)

Cruciform 3: Remember the Good Shepherd, who leads the sheep safely through places of danger.

Week 3: Pray for the lost, the afraid, and those in need of guidance; O God, lead them (*Lead...*)

Cruciform 4: Remember the Good Shepherd, who calls each sheep by name and carries them safely home.

Week 4: Pray for those who have no home; O God, carry them. (*Carry...*)



Praying the Parable of the Great Pearl

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Invitatory: Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness. And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

Cruciform 1: Remember the merchant who went out in search of the great pearl...

Week 1: Pray for those who are searching;
(*Searching...*)

Cruciform 2: Remember how at last the merchant found the great pearl...how he must have rejoiced!

Week 2: Pray for those who rejoice
(*Rejoicing...*)

Cruciform 3: Remember how the merchant let go of everything he had...

Week 3: Pray for those who are letting go
(*Letting go...*)

Cruciform 4: Remember how the merchant exchanged everything he had for the great pearl

Week 4: Pray that all might discover and treasure what is truly precious in life
(*Treasure...*)

