

Advent Prayer Beads

Children may **make one** to take home **and give one** as a gift to a resident at the Ararat Home (or other facility).



GREEN - Faith
BLUE - Hope
GOLD - Love
WHITE - Peace
PURPLE - Repentance
RED - Holy Communion

What You Need

- Colored Beads - green, blue, gold, white, purple, red
- String *and/or* Pipe cleaners (*Pipe cleaners are simpler for younger children to string beads.*)
- My Advent Prayer card (**Separate 2-page Template doc. - May be printed back-to-back**)
- Hole punch

Preparation before Activity

- Print and cut out Prayer cards. Punch a hole in each.



What To Do

1. Give each child a “My Advent Prayer” card. Read the prayer aloud.
2. Instruct children to string colored beads in the order they are listed in “My Advent Prayer,” (*green, blue, gold, white, purple, red*)
3. **To Make Prayer Beads:**
 - String the first bead (*green!*) and tie a knot around it, (*shown to right*).
 - Continue to string beads in the order the colors appear in “My Advent Prayer.” (*String at least 3 sequences of the beads in this order.*)
 - Tie a knot around the last bead. Attach a “My Advent Prayer” card to the top.



To Make Bracelet:

- String the first bead (*green!*) and tie a knot around it, (*shown to right*).
- Continue to string beads in the order the colors appear in “My Advent Prayer.” (*Repeat, continuing to string beads around the entire bracelet, or just string one sequence.*)
- Tie a knot around the last bead. Tie ends together. Attach “My Advent Prayer” card.

To Make Necklace:

- String the first bead (*green!*) and tie a knot around it, (*shown to right*).
- Continue to string beads in the order the colors appear in “My Advent Prayer.” *Repeat, continuing to string beads around the entire necklace, or just string one sequence.*
- Tie a knot around the last bead. Tie ends together. Attach “My Advent Prayer” card.