

## Anglican Rosary for Those Affected by Incarceration

We enter and exit this prayer time through the Cross and Invitatory bead. To begin, hold the Cross on your Anglican Rosary and say the prayer below. Then move to the Invitatory bead and say the prayer assigned to it. We enter the circle of prayer by holding the first Cruciform bead (this bead will be slightly larger than the weeks beads) and repeating its assigned prayer. We then move around the circle to the right as we pray the phrase assigned to the 7 weeks beads. We continue praying around the circle until we have completed three complete cycles and then we exit with the Invitatory bead prayer and close with the Cross prayer.

**Cross Bead:** Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be. Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

**Invitatory Bead:** Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal. Remember all prisoners. Bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release. Forgive us and teach us to improve our justice system. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, encourage us to interact with them and constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen.

**Cruciform 1:** Creator, have mercy on your children who are and have been incarcerated. Let your light shine upon them that they may know who you are and recognize your mercies towards them no matter what they have done. Give them the strength and grace to manage prison life and help them to become the men and women that you created them to be.

**Weeks (7 beads):** God of Mercy, help us to seek justice. *(Repeat for each bead.)*

**Cruciform 2:** Mother, we pray for the families of the incarcerated that they would receive the care and attention they need, and have their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs met by those you send to them. Please Lord, keep their hope alive that their family member behind bars is not forsaken or forgotten by You.

**Weeks (7 beads):** Comforter, help us to love mercy. *(Repeat for each bead.)*

**Cruciform 3:** Father, we lift up the many people who have devoted their lives to ministering to men and women in our prisons and pray that you would use their life and example to draw others into a relationship with You.

**Weeks (7 beads):** Divine One, help us to walk humbly with You. *(Repeat for each bead.)*

**Cruciform 4:** Holy Spirit, watch over all correctional officers, staff, and wardens; keep them safe. Save them from becoming brutal or callous. Give them wisdom, courage, and compassion as they perform their duty of watching over and protecting those in their care.

**Weeks (7 beads):** God of All, help us to love one another. *(Repeat for each bead.)*

*Continue with Cruciform Prayers and the Weeks phrase for three complete cycles. Exit the prayer cycle using the Invitatory Prayer followed by the Cross Prayer.*