How to Make Sacrifice Beads / Good Deed Beads

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"You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere (Diary, 742)." – The Divine Mercy to St. Faustina

Supplies Needed

25" (64cm) piece of cord (#9 twine)

- 11 beads (pony or wooden)
- 1 Miraculous Medal
- 1 Crucifix/Cross/Saint Medal

Step 1. Put the miraculous medal or the medal that you wish to use at the bottom of the set of sacrifice beads on the string and pull it to the middle.



Step 2. Take your first bead and pull the cord through the bead.



Step 3. Take the other end of the cord and pull it through the same bead but in the opposite side so that the string makes an X inside the bead.

Pull both pieces of cord in opposite directions until the bead is tight against the medal. Then tug at the cords until they are both the same length when you place them beside each other.

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Step 4. Pick-up your next bead and again form an X with the string through the bead.

Pull both cords in opposite directions until the beads are tight against each other.

Repeat this step until you have 10 beads in total.



Step 5. Leave about 3 bead lengths and tie a double knot – or do a corded rosary knot (A corded rosary knot is the best knot to do. See instructions for a rosary knot on the next page).



Step 6. Take your last bead (The Our Father Bead) and string both pieces of cord through the same side of the bead. Then tie a knot.



Step 7. Take your Cross, Crucifix or Medal and string both pieces of cord through the same side of it.



Tie a knot, if possible do a double knot so that the knot ends up touching the knot you made in step 6. (This will keep your cross or medal on more securely).



Step 8. Burn/melt your extra cord off as cutting it will cause it to fray. (Adult supervision required)



Start pulling beads and doing acts of love!

Instructions for Making Sacrifice Beads / Good Deed Beads



St. Faustina Kowalska, the Apostle of The Divine Mercy, reminds us of the importance of performing deeds of mercy to others. Jesus told her: "I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. ... Even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (Diary, 742)."

Sacrifice Beads or Good Deed Beads are a string of ten beads, which can be pulled and remain in place. They are used to count the acts of love or sacrifices a person makes in a day for The Divine Mercy. The string of beads helps a person to grow in virtue by challenging them to be faithful in making acts of love each day. Sacrifice Beads also have a fixed Our Father bead on the end of them and can double up as a rosary.

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For more information or to order sacrifice beads or kits, visit: www.thelittleways.com

How to Make a Corded Rosary Knot for Step 5

Step A. Leave about 3 beads length for the Corded Rosary knot.



Step B. Fold the cord over your index finger.

Wrap the cord around your index finger so that the cord forms an X.



Step C. Wrap the cord twice more around the finger for a total of 2 times (3 loops), moving toward the palm of your hand.

Step D. Gently slide the resulting coils off your finger while maintaining their form.

Step E. Pull the end of the cord through these coils from the rear to the front.

Very carefully, tighten the knot, pulling on the right side and maintaining the position of the knot with the left hand, (slowly) taking care to keep the coils in order, not letting the coils tangle or slip over one another. Once you are certain that the knot is correctly placed, pull to tighten.

