

4th grade – January Project

"Chaplet Keychain"

Objective: Similar to the Rosary, a chaplet is another form of keeping track of your prayers on a set of beads. A chaplet is often a personal devotion to Mary, the Saints or Jesus, with corresponding prayers depending on your intention.

Materials:

- 1 piece string/cord per student
- 11 wood beads per student
- 1 key ring per student

Directions:

- Students will double string over for about 4 inches.
- Take the long end and make one loop around the double-up section, and pull thru. This should now look like a looped end with the string hanging the rest of the way.
- Add one wood bead and push all the way up to the knotted area of string. Once bead has been placed, hold the bead in place by adding a simple half knot, making sure the knot holds tight against the bead.
- Continue on for the remaining ten beads.
- Tie one last half knot (or whole if you choose), after the final bead.
- Cut any remaining length of string.
- Take initial looped end and attach it to key ring. Key ring will need to be pried open a bit, and once string is in, the string can be slid until set in ring.

The first bead can be colored. This bead represents the "Our Father." The rest of the beads should be left colorless, and they symbolize ten "Hail Mary's." Please explain the significance of the chaplet to the students.

