

# **General Conference 2016 - Protestant Prayer Bead Strands**

# Supplies Needed:

- 1 General Conference 2016 medallion
- 1 length of wire (about 12")
- 3 wood beads (1 Invitatory and 2 Cruciform)
- 8 jasper beads (1 Resurrection and 7 Week)
- 2 crimp tubes
- 18 neutral-colored seed beads (for main seed bead)
- 6 colored (blue, brown, green, or red) accent seed beads
- 1 split ring

# Required Tools (not included in kits)

1 pair of chain-nose pliers or needle-nose pliers 1 set of side (flush) wire cutters



#### Instructions:

- 1. Thread one of the crimp tubes onto the wire, then add the medallion. Thread the end of the wire back up through the crimp tube. This will leave you with the two ends of the wire coming out of the crimp tube: the primary length of wire and a smaller "tail," about one inch in length. Using the pliers, squeeze the crimp tube until it is flattened.
- 2. String the beads onto the wire in the following order: (Be sure to cover both the primary wire and the smaller "tail.")
  - a. 1 seed bead
  - b. 1 accent bead
  - c. 1 seed bead
  - d. 1 wood bead (Invitatory)
  - e. 1 seed bead
  - f. 1 accent bead
  - g. 1 seed bead
  - h. 1 jasper bead (Resurrection)
  - i. 1 seed bead
  - i. 1 accent bead
  - k. 1 seed bead
  - l. 1 wood bead (bottom Cruciform)
  - m. 1 seed bead
  - n. 1 accent bead
  - o. 1 seed bead

The pattern will look like this:

sas W sas J sas W sas

### Legend

s = seed bead a = accent bead W = wood bead J = jasper bead

- 3. String the set of seven jasper "Week Beads" onto the wire in the following order:
  - a. 1 jasper bead
  - b. 1 seed bead
  - c. 1 jasper bead
  - d. 1 seed bead
  - e. 1 jasper bead
  - f. 1 seed bead
  - g. 1 jasper bead
  - h. 1 seed bead
  - i. 1 jasper bead
  - j. 1 seed bead
  - k. 1 jasper bead
  - 1. 1 seed bead
- m. 1 jasper bead

The pattern will look like this: J s J s J s J s J s J s J

- 4. String:
  - a. 1 seed bead
  - b. 1 accent bead
  - c. 1 seed bead
- d. 1 wood bead (top Cruciform)
- e. 1 seed bead
- f. 1 accent bead
- g. 1 seed bead

The pattern will look like this: sas W sas

# Legend

s = seed bead a

a = accent bead

W = wood bead

J = jasper bead

- 5. Double check everything to make sure it is where you want it.
- 6. Check the "tail" end of the wire just above the medallion to make sure it is still tucked into the beads (sometimes it slips out). If it is sticking out, push the beads away to create enough room to tuck the "tail" back under the beads, then push the beads back into place.
- 7. Thread the second crimp tube onto the wire, then add the split ring. Thread the end of the wire back up through the crimp tube (the same way you did in step #1). Continue to thread the wire back through the beads just until you reach the first jasper bead (the one closest to the split ring). Pull the wire out from the bottom of the bead. Pull the wire tightly, adjusting the bead as necessary, to remove any slack in the wire and to ensure that the wire is completely covered up by the beads.
- 8. Use the pliers to flatten the crimp tube as tightly as possible.
- 9. Use the wire cutter to cut the remaining wire off as close to the beads as possible.

Mail completed bead strands to be used as prayer gifts for General Conference delegates and bishops, to:

Kristen Vincent 889 Euclid Avenue NE Atlanta, GA 30307

Please mail prayer bead strands by April 30.



## For Additional Assistance:

- -Watch the General Conference 2016 Prayer Strand Assembly Instructional Video at www.60daysofprayer.org
- -Watch "How to Make Protestant Prayer Beads" - a video by The Upper Room https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUJP -WVCSwc
- -Consult the Prayerworks Studio website: http://prayerworksstudio.com/prayerbeads/make-your-own/

Blessings as you join us in praying for General Conference 2016!

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