



Praying with St Brigid (pipe cleaner crosses)

St Brigid – one of the few female Irish saints – was known for her generosity to the poor and needy. She founded two monastic institutions – one for men and one for women – in Kildare. She is often depicted holding a reed cross which is now known as a 'St Brigid's Cross'. Legend has it that she used to weave these crosses and tie them with ribbons to give to those she met on the road. Weaving a St Brigid's Cross can be a creative way of focussing prayer.

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Prayer

Almighty Lord, we thank you that we have been woven together in unity through the cross of Christ, and made secure with his love. Amen.

Craft: pipe cleaner St Brigid's Cross

You need: 8x15cm pipe cleaners for each person, 4 x2cm pipe cleaners per person

1. 8 pipe cleaners and fold them in half
2. Slot 2 of the pipe cleaners together



3. slot a pipe cleaner over the 2 at a right angle
4. Do step 3 on the opposite side



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5. put a pipe cleaner sideways over the last one



6. Repeat step 5



7. repeat step 5



8. Repeat step 5



10. twist small bits around each end and trim

