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Crystal bead	Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you through a review of your day as you reflect on your
	thoughts and emotions and where have you have noticed God or wandered away.
Six different	Use the first coloured bead to reflect on the previous night. Use the other five beads to
coloured beads	reflect on your waking day to the present time.
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