

## The Prayer Shawl

As a person crochets, knits, knots or weaves a Prayer Shawl, he or she is in prayer for the person who is to receive it. A card given with each shawl contains these comforting words and the prayer that follows:

"As I made this prayer shawl I prayed for the one who will receive it. I prayed for that one to receive from God the help needed. I prayed that they would be reminded that they are not alone. I prayed that they would find in this shawl a place of comfort and strength. When I was told it would be given to you, I prayed for you and will continue to pray for you - and ask that you pray for me."

"May this gift made for you with love  
be a mantle and sign of God's sustaining presence.  
May it refresh your weariness;  
Surround you with comfort in your suffering.  
May it encircle you with healing for your pain;  
Consolation for your loneliness.  
May it bring you joy in sorrow or gladness."

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"May God's grace be upon this shawl...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven... a sacred place of security and well-being... sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!"

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*-Nancy Peterson (adapted 2003)*

This shawl was knit with love and care,  
Each stitch made with a special prayer;  
To warm you when you feel a chill,  
And hold you when you're very ill.  
To give you strength and hope and cheer,  
To let you know that God is near.  
As you wrap it 'round you tight,  
Know that God blesses you this night.

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I am just finishing my first prayer shawl. My 12 year old son Wyatt's best friends mom was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer last month. We were all shocked and everyone has been in constant prayer for her healing. Not only did I start praying but I started knitting. I carry my knitting to meetings, presentations, other work related sit downs and family gatherings anywhere I might "catch a few stitches"! Before long many people were asking what I was making and so it gave me a new way to talk to others about my faith. What an unlooked for blessing! The neatest part of the journey of making this first shawl came as my young son asked me one night as we were laying on my bed talking, "what are you knitting now mom?" So I explained to him what it was and what the purpose of it was. That as I knit it I intentionally prayed for our friend and that others would have a chance at church to hold it and pray for her. This would allow her to have prayer and comfort wrapped around her whenever she needed it. He sat quietly for many minutes and as they passed I realized that my knitting was more in his lap than mine. I asked him if I could have it back so I could turn it for my next row. He responded "Just a minute mommy I'm putting my prayers in it!" Ok I admit I teared up. Kids are so cool and they just get it! No debating, no wondering just pure and simple trust for the process. Please as you read this pray for our friend Virginia. Thanks for the support of this great web-site

Jennifer

April 2008

It is now April 20th , 2008. My group and I have come a long way since we began our Prayer Shawl Ministry. We give our confrimants Prayer Shawls on the Sunday they are confirmed. This is a joyous meeting as they have confessed that they believe in the TriuneGod and like magic they receive a "Hug from God" as they wrap theirs around their shoulder. It is a joy to make the shawl but it is an even greater joy to have these young Christians accept these feeling as their own. We also give shawls to those who need sympathic help, to t hose having serious surgery, and to those who are moving to new and smaller homes. We have given to leaders of music, choir, praise band, Sunday School staff and committee workers.

I LIVE this Ministry.

Ruth

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Knitted prayer shawl this I pray-  
Bring peace and hope to----- today

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