

## Requesting a prayer shawl.

To request that a prayer shawl be presented to an individual, please reach out to the Church office, stop by the information table on Sunday or reach out to a member of the Prayer Shawl group to provide the name of the person to receive the shawl. The request will be forwarded to the Pastoral Care Team.

For more information about requesting a prayer shawl, contact Kathy Smith  
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## How to participate?

Many enjoy the social aspect of meeting regularly with others to knit/crochet their prayer shawls. This offers the opportunity to share life stories and encourage each other's creative efforts.

Others can choose to participate by creating their prayer shawls at home and bring them into the church.

The group meets at the Church the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

As each prayer shawl is completed, it is dedicated with prayer by this circle of knitters and crocheters before being given to Community of Grace's Pastoral Care Team for distribution. The prayer shawl is presented to the recipient with a prayer card.

For more information about Community of Grace's Prayer Shawl Ministry, contact Cyndie Griffin  
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### **What is a prayer shawl?**

- A tangible presence of God's love given to one in need of comfort or special blessing
- An opportunity for prayer and creative expression for the individual making the shawl.

### **Who receives a prayer shawl?**

Prayer shawls can comfort and bless many individuals:

- Someone seriously ill or undergoing medical treatment
- New mothers and babies
- People in hospice care
- Someone grieving the loss of a loved one
- People in stressful circumstances
- People who need a sign of caring from someone

### **How did Prayer Shawl Ministry get started?**

The prayer shawl ministry was conceived in 1998 by Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo, two graduates of the 1997 Women's Leadership Institute at the Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT.

**IN THE BEGINNING**, women who enjoyed knitting met together to pray, knit, and share. The shawls were dedicated with prayer and distributed to people who would benefit by pastors, caregivers, and friends.

Now Prayer Shawl Ministry groups are in every state in the United States and also in other countries. The website for the Prayer Shawl Ministry with pictures, stories, patterns, and prayers is located at [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com)



### **What is Community of Grace's Prayer Shawl Ministry?**

The Grace Prayer Shawl Ministry is one way to tangibly reach out to others in Christian love.

**CARE AND THE LOVE OF KNITTING OR CROCHETING** are combined into a prayerful ministry that focuses on how the Lord works in our lives while providing others with a meaningful presence of God's love.



Prayer shawls may be knitted or crocheted and can be made in any pattern the maker enjoys that is ample in size. Any acrylic yarn that is soft to the touch and easy care washable may be used.

Many blessings become a part of each prayer shawl. At the beginning, the maker prays that God will bless the work and the person who receives it. Prayerful stitches are continued throughout the creation of the shawl.

The individuals who knit/crochet these shawls experience a blessing in their own lives as they express their concern for others and their creativity in service to God.