

## Finished Prayer Cloths

Please attach fiber content and washing instructions with your cloth. If you knit with a recipient in mind, please attach a card with the recipient's name and address when you turn the cloth in for its final blessing. There is no time limit to finish your cloth. Completed cloths may be brought to the Church Office.

### How you can help:

- Volunteer to crochet.
- Furnish the name of an individual who is in need because of serious illness, grief or in a transition. Request cards are available near the Prayer Box in the Narthex across from the Welcome Desk.
- Donate \$4.50 to cover the cost of yarn for three cloths or donate one skein of Premier Yarns, Debora Norville Everyday Anti-Pilling which can only be purchased at JoAnn Fabrics.

### Praying through our fingers...

As we begin to crochet, continuing throughout, and upon completion, invite God's bountiful blessings, for healing, hope, comfort, gentle caregivers, peace of mind and soul for the recipient of your cloth.

Bless, O God, my heart, that I might be filled with your Spirit. Bless my hands that they might be touched by your creative power. Bless my crocheting that this shawl may be filled with your love.

May a Spirit of comfort ease the burdens of the one to receive this cloth. May a Spirit of peace descend upon him. May a Spirit of love fill their heart. May a Spirit of wisdom guide their caregivers.

May God's grace be upon the person who holds this cloth find it comforting. May the one who receives this cloth be filled with hope, kept in joy, graced with peace and wrapped in love.



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## OUR POCKET PRAYER CLOTH COMFORTS PEOPLE WITH PRAYER AND LOVE.

Behind and before;  
you have laid your  
hand upon me.  
*Psalm 139:5*

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# PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY—POCKET PRAYER CLOTH

## ***Making a Pocket Prayer Cloth...***

The Pocket Prayer Cloth is a way to care for people who are suffering, surrounding them in the prayer and love that is part of each piece we create. We can help both friends and neighbors feel Jesus surrounding them with His loving presence through the prayers that go into our cloth and that continue during and after the presentation. When we crochet we begin with prayer and go on praying for the recipient, using prayers provided or those of our own. Our prayers can deeply touch the life of someone who is ill and become a visible symbol of Jesus' love and care.

The yarn used is Premier Yarns, Debora Norville Everyday Anti-Pilling which can only be purchased at JoAnn Fabrics. Pick any color to create a piece that will provide spiritual healing and express your prayer for the recipient.

When it's done, it will be blessed and given to someone in need.

## ***Crochet Materials and Pattern...***

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

### **Materials:**

- Soft worsted weight yarn - pastel solid color
- Size F crochet hook

### **Abbreviations:**

**CH** = chain  
**SC** = single crochet  
**DC** = double crochet  
**PC** = popcorn stitch  
**SL ST** = slip stitch  
**YO** = yarn over  
**SK** = skip a stitch

Finished size approximately 5" x 7" or smaller depending on yarn used.

### **POPCORN STITCH -**

Make 3 DC in the same stitch. Take the hook out of the loop of the last DC and insert the hook in the top of first DC. Hook the loop you just dropped and draw it through the stitch. Pull tight and then CH 1. Push the popcorn stitch to the front as you go to the next SC.

### **CH 18 loosely.**

**ROW 1** - Starting in the second chain from the hook, SC in each chain (17 SC total). CH 1, Turn.

**ROW 2** - SC in each stitch across (17 SC total). CH 1. Turn.

**ROW 3** - SC 8, PC 1, SC 8. CH 1. Turn.

**ROW 4** - SC in each stitch across (17 SC total). CH 1. Turn.

**ROWS 5 - 14** - Repeat rows 3 and 4 (5 times)

**ROW 15** - SC 2, PC 1, SC 1, PC 1, SC 2. CH 1. Turn.

**ROW 16** - SC in each stitch (17 SC total). CH 1. Turn.

**ROW 17-22** - Repeat rows 3 and 4 (3 times)

**ROW 23** - SC in each stitch (17 SC total)

**BORDER** - CH 2, SC in each row, SC 3 in the corner, SC in each stitch across the bottom, SC 3 in the corner, SC in each row up the side, SC 3 in the corner, SC in each stitch across the top, SL ST in the beginning SC at the corner and finish off.

