

Finished Shawls

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

How you can help:

- Volunteer to knit or crochet.
- Furnish the name of an individual who is in need because of a serious illness, grief or in a transition. Request cards are available near the Prayer Box in the Narthex across from the Welcome Desk.
- Donate \$15.00 to cover the cost of yarn for one shawl or donate three skeins of the same color of Lion Brand Homespun yarn.

Praying through our fingers...

As we begin to knit or 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 shawl.

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 knitting that this shawl may be filled with your love.



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



May God's grace be upon the person who wears 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.



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OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY WRAPS PEOPLE IN PRAYER.

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

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Making a Prayer Shawl...

Prayer shawl ministry is a way to care for people who are suffering, wrapping 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 shawls and that continue during and after the presentation. When we crochet or knit, 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.

Lion Brand Homespun works well because it is machine washable and dryable as well as soft. Pick any color to create a piece that will provide physical and spiritual warmth and express your prayer for the recipient.

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

Knitting Materials and Pattern...

Materials:

- Size 11 or 13 knitting needles
- 3 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun (*Yarn choice must be machine washable and dryable, as well as soft.*)

Pattern:

- Cast on 57 stitches.
- First row, and all subsequent rows, knit 3, purl 3, to the end.
- Continue until desired length: 68"– 72". The shawl should be large enough in size to wrap around a person, at least 24".
- Bind off. Do not add fringe because Homespun frays when washed and fringe tends to tangle in wheel chairs.



For ideas and tips go to:
www.shawlministry.com

Crocheting Materials and Pattern...

Materials:

- Size "N" hook.
- 3-4 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun (*Yarn choice must be machine washable and dryable, as well as soft.*)

Pattern:

- Chain stitch to desired width of the piece—24 inches for a shawl.
- Chain 1, turn, single crochet in each stitch to the end.
- Chain 3 and turn.
- Double crochet in top of each single crochet.
- Repeat this row 2 more times.
- Chain 1 and do 1 row of single crochet to end.
- Chain 3 and turn.
- Do 3 rows of double crochet.
- Repeat the pattern to end (1 row single, 3 rows double).
- End with 1 row of single.
- Continue until desired length: 68"– 72". The shawl should be large enough in size to wrap around a person, at least 24".
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