

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (CROCHET)

*The old expression, "Our hands are God's hands" has taken new life. You are invited to be a part of the prayer shawl ministry. This ministry combines knitting or crocheting and praying as you make beautiful prayer shawls with love and care for those in great need. Just follow the directions for the prayer shawl and pray as you crochet for the person who will receive the shawl.*

**Materials:** 3 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun yarn & size N crochet hook.

**Pattern:** Chain 91 loosely (dc = double crochet; ch = chain; sc = single crochet; sp = space)

Row 1 (right side): (dc, ch 2, sc) in fourth ch from hook, \*skip next 2 chs, (2 dc, ch 2, sc) in the next ch. Repeat from \* across.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn. (2 dc, ch 2, sc) in first ch 2 sp and in each ch 2 space across. Repeat row 2 until you have used 2 2/3 skeins of yarn (or the piece is about 6 feet long). Do not finish off.

Last Row: Ch 2, turn; \* sc in first ch 2 sp, ch 2. Repeat from \* across and end with a sc. Finish off.

Fringe: Add fringe to first and last rows if desired with remaining yarn.

**Prayer:** We suggest you weave prayers into your shawl as you crochet. You may choose to use the following prayer:

In the name of the Father: the Creator, the Giver of Life, the Holder of time; in the name of Jesus: the Savior, the Healer, and the Lifter of Pain; in the name of the Holy Spirit: the Comforter, the Consoler, and the Sustainer of Life. I crochet this shawl as a mantle of caring. I crochet a mantle of protection. I crochet a mantle of wholeness. I crochet a mantle of strength. I crochet a mantle of healing. I crochet a mantle of patience. I crochet a mantle to enfold you. I crochet a mantle to encircle you. I crochet a mantle to empower you. May this prayer shawl warm and comfort you when you are weak and weary. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Alternate Prayer:**

O Christ, who healed the broken in body and spirit, be with all who suffer today. Be with the doctors, nurses, technicians, and all that care for the sick. Be with the families and friends of those who love and comfort the sick. May your gentle yet strong touch reach out to heal all the broken and hurting people and places in our world. I ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.