

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING MINISTRY

The old expression, "Our hands are God's hands" has taken new life. You are invited to be a part of the prayer shawl knitting 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 knit for the person who will receive the shawl.

Materials: 3 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun yarn & size 11 or 13 knitting needles

Pattern:

Cast on 57 stitches. First row – Knit (k) three, Purl (p) three, to the end of the row. Turn and knit the purl and purl the knit. You begin every row with knit. A weave pattern will develop. Knit about 2 2/3 skeins in the pattern. Use the rest of the yarn for fringe. The fringe can be as short as 3 inches or as long as 8 or 9 inches. It's up to you. Finished size is about 2'6" x 6-7'.

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

Dear Heavenly Father,

Be with the person who will wear this prayer shawl each day. Comfort and console them as you hold them in your healing presence. May this shawl be a sign of your love and grace. May this shawl bring warmth when they are weary. May it surround the person and cover with love to ease the pain and suffering. O Christ, be with the doctors, nurses, and all who care for the sick. May your strong touch reach out to heal all the broken and hurting people and places in our world. We ask your blessing on the prayer shawl and the person who will wear it. 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.