

# What is a prayer shawl ministry?

Over the centuries, shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace, and spiritual sustenance. Since the inception of the Prayer Shawl Ministry in 1998, the members of this ecumenical organization have lovingly donated their time and talents by creating hand-knitted and crocheted shawls for those in need. Shawls may be given for healing, for comfort, for the distressed, for those who mourn, for those who travel or move away, for a new baby, for a graduate, for newlyweds, for those in the military or their families, for retirement, for special birthdays, or for other celebrations or occasions lifted up.

The ministry's message of caring is simple, universal, and enduring. And we have seen time and again that the creation and presentation of a prayer shawl, like all acts of generosity, enriches the giver as well as the recipient.

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