

Prayer Shawl Ministry

of

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

You are invited to create a prayer shawl those in need of comfort, in order to help them experience God's peace and powerful love. This ministry involves the creating of prayer shawls – knit, crochet, crocknit, or the process of your choice. Just pray as you create comfort for the person who will receive your shawl.

Before you start, pray to the Lord for you to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit as you fashion the shawl. Pray for the person who will receive this prayer shawl and ask the Lord to bless, heal, or guide the person. Pray for the family members and for the doctors and others who will take care of the person. Cover the shawl with prayers by weaving them into the shawl as you work.

We have included instructions for the knitting or crocheting of a shawl. Please know that these are only suggestions. While you are welcome to use them if you like, you may also use a method or pattern of your choosing. Our goal is for the finished shawl is to be approximately 24" to 30" wide and 60" to 70" long. A good way to measure length is to make it from wrist to wrist as it goes over the shoulder. They can be any length, depending on whether you are doing them for an adult or a child.

We have learned from experience that it is probably best not to fringe. Fringe has a tendency to get entangled in the wheels of wheelchairs and other medical equipment.

Include the care label from your yarn with the finished shawl. Complete a card as a record of your work. Sign the inside of the card which will go with the shawl, and you may also write a message in the card that will go with your shawl.

Thank you for your interest in helping us to bring comfort to our brothers and sisters in need.

May God bless you!
The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team

CROCHET DIRECTIONS

Materials:

About 20-24 oz. worsted weight yarn

Size N crochet hook or size you desire.

Shell Stitch

Chain 71 loosely.

Row 1: (Right side): (dc, ch2, sc) in fourth ch from hook. * skip next 2 chs, (2dc, ch2, sc) in next ch. Repeat from * across.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, (2dc, ch2, sc) in first ch 2 sp and in each ch 2 space across. Repeat row 2 until you have reached the desired length. Do not finish off.

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

Double Crochet Stitch

Chain 71 stitches.

Row 1: Double crochet in 3rd chain from hook and in each chain across.

Repeated Row: Chain 2, turn. Double crochet in each double crochet across.

Ripple Pattern

Chain 78.

Row 1: 2 dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 5 chs, skip next 2 chs, dc in next 6 chs, *3 dc in next ch, dc in next 6 chs, skip next 2 chs, dc in next 6 chs; repeat from * across to last ch, 2 dc in last ch.

Row 2 (right side): Ch 3 (counts as first dc, now and throughout), turn: working in back loops only, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 5 dc, skip next 2 dc, dc in next 6 dc, *3 dc in next dc, dc in next 6 dc, skip next 2 dc, dc in next 6 dcs; repeat from * across to last st, 2 dc in last st.

Repeat row 2 to desired length.

KNITTING DIRECTIONS

Materials:

About 18-20 oz. worsted weight yarn

Size 11 or 13 knitting needles

Pattern:

Cast on 63 stitches or any multiple of 3.

First row: Knit 3, Purl 3, to the end of the row.

Repeated row: Turn and knit the purl and purl the knit.

A weave pattern will develop. Finished size should be approximately 24-30 inches wide and 60-70 inches in length.