## **Prayer Shawls**

Care and the love of knitting and crocheting are combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Many blessings are knitted into each shawl, as the knitter prays for the recipient throughout the creation of the shawl. All shawls are blessed by the pastor once complete.

A prayer is attached to each prayer shawl before being sent along the way to the recipient. The prayers shawl wraps, envelopes, warms, shelters, comforts, hugs, embraces, uplifts and holds the person in need. Some uses for the prayer shawl include; comfort and loss during bereavement, undergoing serious medical procedures, battling cancer or illness, during separation and divorce, when fighting serious addictions, and other times that we need to be covered and held in prayer.

Knitters and crocheters are needed as this ministry expands further in our parish effort to continue to care for one another and share the loving embrace of Christ. Please contact Sr. Judy at <a href="mailto:jpfile@comcast.net">jpfile@comcast.net</a>, if you would like to help out as a knitter or crocheter. A pattern/directions and the prayer are provided.