

## **Prayer Shawl Ministers**

Meet once a month  
September - May.

There are two  
opportunities to get  
together, share ideas  
and pray on the third  
Tuesday of each month:

1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

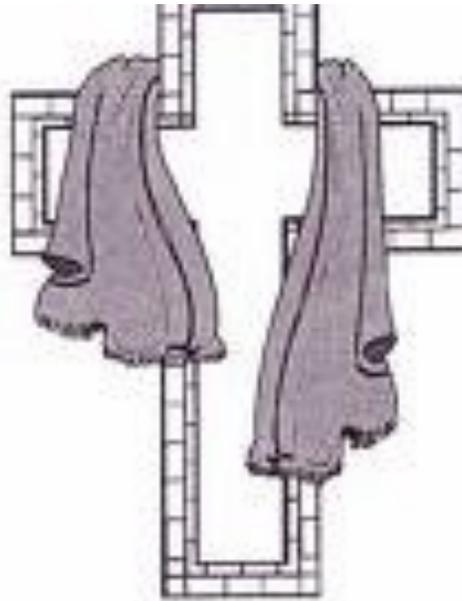
In the gathering space

OR

6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

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If you are unable to  
attend the meetings you  
may still participate in  
this ministry in your  
home.



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“Shawls...  
made for  
centuries'  
universal and  
embracing  
symbolic of an inclusive,  
unconditionally loving, God.  
They wrap, enfold, comfort,  
cover, give solace, mother,  
hug, shelter and beautify.  
Those who have received  
these shawls have been up-  
lifted and affirmed, as if  
given wings to fly above  
their troubles...”

Written in 1998 by: Janet Bristow

## **About the Shawls...**

Whether they are called Prayer Shawls, Comfort Shawls, Peace Shawls, or Mantles, etc., the shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. Some recipients have continued the kindness by making a shawl and passing it onto someone in need. Thus, the blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mothering God!

Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every shawl.

## **Distribution of Shawls**

**Our blessed shawls are prayed over and presented to:**

- ◆ the homebound
- ◆ residents in health care facilities
- ◆ the sick
- ◆ those undergoing medical procedures
- ◆ those recovering from surgeries
- ◆ the bereaved
- ◆ cancer patients

