

Some responses from **individuals** who have been **recipients**:

The prayer shawl is a treasure. I know it will warm my heart and my shoulders often as I think of the love that went into the knitting and that radiates out from it. I feel blessed.

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**I did not want to receive a “prayer shawl” and was reluctant (at first) to take it. But as soon as I put it on, I felt the warmth and power of the prayers that went into it. It has not left me since – I even sleep with it. The shawl is absolutely beautiful and is helping me through this incredibly challenging time.**

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Thank you for the lovely prayer shawl I received at my husband’s funeral service. It has been a big comfort to me. It is on the back of my husband’s favorite chair, which is close to my home’s entrance. It is the last thing I see as I leave and the first as I enter. My home does not seem so empty and I feel God’s love and arms around me.

Begin to knit, and God will show you the pattern and give you the yarn.
(Adapted from a German proverb)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

2018

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

January 16

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12

July 17

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 6

December 11

PRAYER

SHAWL

MINISTRY



1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

with

Dorothy J. Levesque

**MEETS ON TUESDAYS
(Dates on back of this brochure)**

FOR INFORMATION:

508-642-1928

MEETING AGENDA

Do you **knit** or **crochet**?

If yes, are you willing to spend **90 minutes a month** with the prayer shawl ministry?

Those who gather make prayer shawls that are given to **men, women and children** who are . . .

. . . welcoming a new member into a family,

. . . **experiencing a difficult time**,

. . . celebrating a special occasion,

. . . **housebound, homeless or in a nursing home**,

. . . transitioning into a new phase of life,

. . . seriously ill,

. . . **people of prayer**,

. . . etc.

1. Welcome and opening remarks;
2. Knitting, crocheting and chatting;
3. Prayer and sharing;
4. Knitting, crocheting and chatting;
5. Maintenance of the “shawl journal.”

We celebrate our God who knits us into wholeness, who enables us to care for others. We celebrate our God who is Presence, who is Wisdom, who is Mystery.

(Susan S. Jorgensen)

THE CREATION PROCESS

1. Every time a person picks up the knitting needles or crochet hook, a prayer is said for the person who will wear the shawl.
2. Every time the needles or hook is put away, a prayer is said for the person who will wear it.
3. When finished the shawl is blessed by a priest.

You formed me in my inmost being you knit me in my mother’s womb.
(Psalm 139:13)

The prayer shawl ministry is an integral component of ministry in the universal Church. It is important because it is an outreach to individuals at significant times of their lives.

Every shawl is unique and is truly a symbol of God’s love. It becomes a spiritual hug from God when it is worn.

Because the ministry is deeply rooted in prayer, the shawl creators lovingly encircle the lives of the shawl wearers.

Knitting is a lovely rhythmic motion. It can soothe and calm you. It can even put you in a meditative trance. While your hands are busy, your mind can be emptied of anxieties and details.

(Lisa R. Myers)