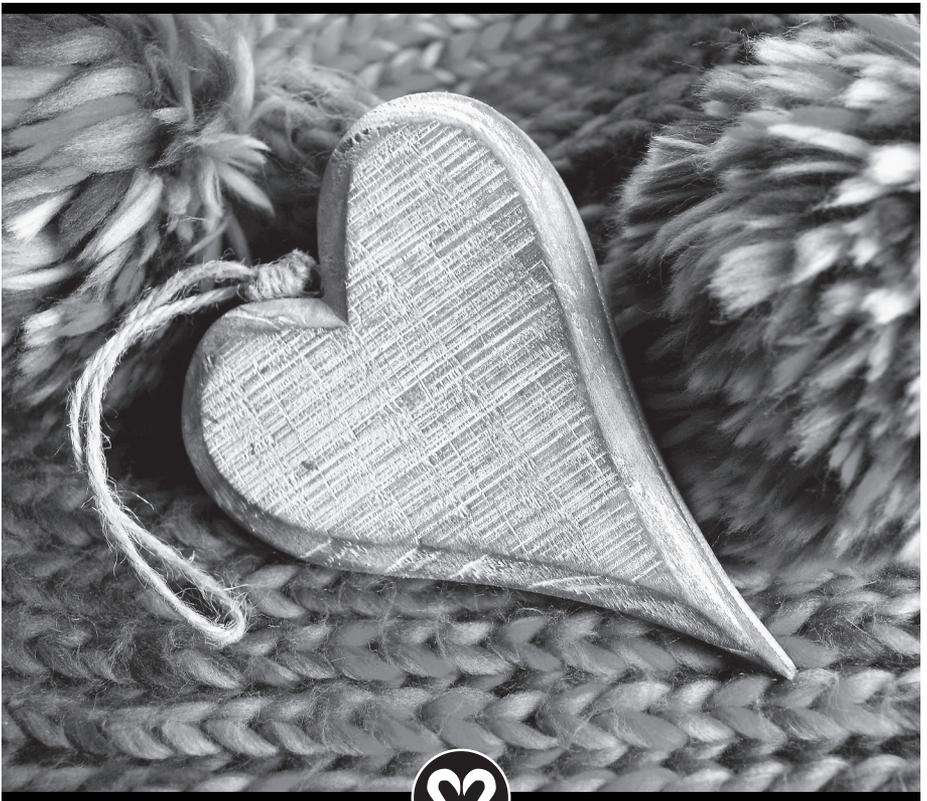




Prayer Shawl

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This Prayer Shawl / Item of Comfort is a gift from the
Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Denis Church in Douglas, MA.

May it be a sign of God's loving presence,
a mantle of comfort and peace to you always.

This shawl / blanket / cap was made for:

By:

*This shawl / item of comfort has passed through our loving hands
and hearts and been blessed by our holy priest.*

Prayer in a Time of Anxiety

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

— *St. Teresa of Avila*

A Prayer for the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick,
we turn to You in this time of illness.

O dearest Comforter of the Troubled,
alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love,
and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden.

Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands.
We ask that You restore Your servant to health again.

Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will
and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us.
Amen.

A Prayer for Cancer Patients

Prince of Peace, I come to You because I am weary,
and I am carrying a heavy burden. Since my cancer
diagnosis, I have felt a heavy burden on my shoulders,
but I know that You will give me rest.

Lord, I take Your yoke upon me, and will learn from You;
for You are gentle and humble in heart, and I will find rest
for my soul. So long as I take Your yoke (Your teaching) and
remain Your faithful servant, I will have a sense of peace –
it is not laborious, but instead is joyful.

For Your yoke is easy, and Your burden is light.

MATTHEW 11:28-30

A Prayer During Prolonged Illness

Lord, you are Holy above all others,
and all of the strength that I need is in your hands.
I am not asking, Lord, that you take this trial away.
Instead, I simply ask that Your will be done in my life.

Whatever that means, that is what I want.

But I admit that it's hard, Lord.

Sometimes I feel like I can't go on.

The pain and the fear are too much for me, and I know that
I don't have the strength on my own to get through this.
I know that I can come to you, Jesus, and that you will hear
my prayer. I know that it is not your intent to bring me to
this point just to leave me in the wilderness alone.
Please, Lord, give me the strength that I need to face today.

I don't have to worry about tomorrow.

If you just give me the strength that I need today
that is all I need.

Keep me from sinning during this trial.

Instead, help me to keep my eyes on you.

You are the Holy Lord, and all of my hope rests in you.

Thank you for hearing my prayer.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

A Prayer for the Sick and Seniors

All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. For you have called us to serve you and one another in love.

Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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Amen.

A Prayer for One Who Grieves

Dearest Jesus, who wept at the death of your friend and taught that they who mourn shall be comforted, grant us the comfort of your presence in our loss.

Send Your Holy Spirit to direct us lest we make hasty or foolish decisions. Send Your Spirit to give us courage lest through fear we recoil from living.

Send Your Spirit to bring us your peace lest bitterness, false guilt, or regret take root in our hearts.

The Lord has given. The Lord has taken away.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Amen.

O sweet mother Mary, who knew the sadness of mourning those your heart loved most, Jesus, your Son, and Joseph, your devoted spouse, pray for us in our time of loss.

Amen.

A Prayer for Renewal of Faith

Glory to you, O Lord our God, Your love calls us to be your people. By sharing our many and diverse gifts we share in your mission. We ask you, Lord, to shape us into a community of faith. Nourish us by your word and sacraments that we may grow into the image of Jesus.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, heal us that we, in turn, may heal the wounded. Form us to be instruments of love, justice, and peace in our land, and send us to proclaim your saving work.

RENEW us, Lord, that we may renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

A Prayer for A Person with Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia

Defend the lowly and fatherless;
render justice to the afflicted and needy.
Rescue the lowly and poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

JOHN 10:14-15

Loving God, Healer and Comforter,
we pray for those who suffer from the anxiety,
ambiguity and confusion of Alzheimer's disease
and other forms of dementia.

Look with mercy upon their distress, confusion or isolation.

Shelter them where dignity and peace abound.

Grant them understanding helpers
and the willingness to accept help.

In the face of loss of memory and control, increase their
confidence in your love and strengthen their care-givers.

As the Good Shepherd, tend to the sick, rest the weary,
pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering and bless the dying.

We make this supplication through the intercession
of Our Lady of Lourdes, in the name of your Son,
Jesus and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

“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 uplifted and affirmed as if given wings to fly above their troubles...”

— Janet Severi Bristow, Co-Founder of the national Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Mission

The mission of the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St Denis is to provide hope, comfort, and healing. Our shawls and other items are a symbolic “hug” from God. We work to bring together people who are gifted with God’s given talent of knitting and crocheting to create prayer shawls and other items of comfort that will be given away to help spread the message of God’s mercy, love, and compassion.

A Reminder of God’s Love

Our Prayer Shawls and other items are made with love and in prayer because they are intended to bring God’s unconditional love to those who receive them. This gift is for every time and every occasion—joyful or sorrowful, for every circumstance of life—chosen or unchosen, when you are weeping or when you are celebrating.

When to Wear A Prayer Shawl, Lap Afghan or Chemo Cap?

At all times, when in prayer you want God to hug you... Let the shawl or afghan rest on your shoulders or cover your body while you rest; wear the chemo cap to wrap yourself in the warmth of our Lord’s love. Perhaps your rest may be in the company of God himself. The Prayer Shawl or other item will help you to enter the warm and peaceful environment of prayer. One thing is sure, these prayerful items will make you feel the loving presence of God, and the love and support of an entire community that prays for you.

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