



Prayer of quilt recipient:

Dear God, I give thanks for your knowledge and love for all your children. This special prayer quilt which will cover me, brings the warmth of love from the people of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. That assurance lifts my spirit and helps me receive the healing and support needed to find your comfort, renewal and healing.

Grant to those who minister to me this day - doctors, nurses, attendants - the knowledge and skill to lead me through this valley of trouble and illness to renewed health and wellness. Grant that nothing shall cause despair, but lead me through this difficult time. I rest in the assurance that I will be in your hands. I know that "nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

These things I ask in the name and love of Jesus the Christ.

Amen



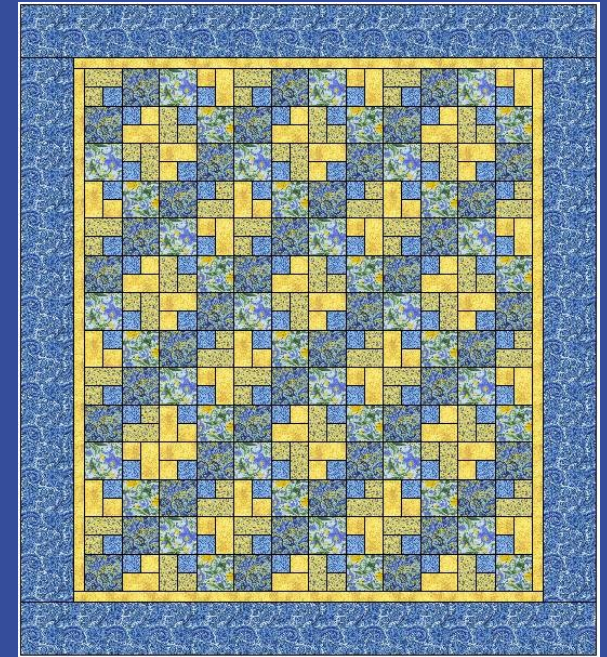
Quilt Ministry Prayer

May God's grace be upon this quilt, warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.

May this mantle be a safe haven, a sacred place of security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.

May you receive this quilt and be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace and wrapped in love.

Blessed Be!



Prayer Quilt Ministry



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What is the Prayer Quilt Ministry?

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is an expression of St. Paul's love for all who are in need of healing prayer. The quilting team prepares quilts to be given to people (both members and non-members) who are experiencing challenges in their lives, usually critical health problems. The congregation finishes each quilt by saying prayers as they tie the knots that secure the quilt layers.

Prayer is central to this ministry.

- Those who work on the quilts are reminded continually of the power of prayer.
- Those who tie a knot lift the recipients in prayer and affirm their faith in God's loving, comforting and healing presence.
- Those who receive quilts are reassured that they are not alone - God is with them and so are we.
- Everyone who sees the quilts - family, friends, nurses, and doctors - are reminded of God's love for us and for others.

The quilts are patchwork evangelists.

How do I request a quilt?

Any congregant may request a quilt and prayers for a friend or loved one. There is no charge for the quilt.

The only criteria is that you discuss the request with the prospective recipient to insure that they want St. Paul's congregation to pray for them.

You will need to ask the recipient what information concerning their diagnosis they are comfortable sharing with our congregation.

The requester will deliver the quilt.

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How can I help this ministry?

Pray: The most important way in which you can help in this ministry is to lift each quilt recipient and their loved ones in prayer and to convey your love and concern by tying a knot each time a quilt is presented.

Work: Volunteers gather on the second Tuesday of the month (September-June) at 10 a.m. in Room 128/129. There is a job for every skill level:

Wash and iron fabric

Cut quilt squares

Layout quilt tops

Sew quilt squares together

Hand sew labels onto quilts

Attach yarn ties to quilts

Join the group for a few hours to share work and fellowship.

The ministry welcomes donations of yarn, thread and 100% cotton fabric. Since there is no charge for a quilt, cash donations help defray the cost of materials.



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