

Prayers and Squares

The Prayer Quilt Ministry

What is a Prayer Quilt?

The idea behind these quilts is simple, yet powerful. After the quilt is assembled, a heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers. The ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied a silent prayer is offered for someone with a special need—someone who has asked us to pray for them. The quilt is then given to that person. What makes each quilt so special is not the pattern, color, or workmanship but the fact that prayer is symbolically tied to each one. These comforters are a statement of faith and a testimony to our belief in God and in the power of prayer.

A prayer quilt is appropriate for anyone who is experiencing physical, emotional, spiritual or some other life crisis and who feels they could benefit from being “covered in prayer” with the quilt being that tangible sign of God’s ever present grace available to all of us.

This ministry is about more than the quilt! It’s all about the prayers! Our goal is to encourage and involve as many people as possible to participate in the prayer effort—not to merely make quilts and give them away.

—Request for a Prayer Quilt—

Date: _____

Sponsor (person making the request): _____

Sponsor Address and Phone Number: _____

Prayer Quilt requested for: _____

Any specific prayer requests made by the recipient which can be shared with the Parish:

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—Answers to Your Questions—

Who receives a prayer quilt?

Prayer quilts can be requested for any person in physical, emotional, or spiritual crisis who feels they can benefit from being “covered in prayer.” This is a caring ministry not a celebratory one. Therefore, prayer quilts are not suitable for birthdays, weddings, baptisms, or any other type of “gift.”

How is a prayer quilt requested?

A “sponsor” requests a prayer quilt for someone in special need. Fill out the request section on the front of this flyer or contact Lila Engelbert at 303-798-8289 or Debbie Kruse at 303-794-6541 to make a request.

What are the sponsor's responsibilities?

The sponsor must ask the recipient if they are willing to accept a prayer quilt and what specific prayers (if any) they would like to request. Following the request, the quilt along with a card will be placed at the back of the church where individuals may pray for a person as they tie a knot in the quilt. Upon completion on the knots the sponsor will present the quilt and the card so the recipient will be able to “see” all the prayers that were said for them.

Why not “surprise” someone with a prayer quilt?

A “surprise” prayer quilt is not appropriate. The recipient may not be comfortable being a “prayer focus” for a parish or any large group of people. There is also the issue of confidentiality. We need to know how much information the recipient wants to have shared about their situation and what prayers they would like offered up on their behalf.

How do I “tie a prayer” on a prayer quilt?

Prayer quilts which are ready to be tied will be displayed on the 4th Sunday of the month in the church vestibule or in Marian Hall after the weekend Masses. All are invited to come over and help tie the quilt, sign a card, and pray for the intended recipient.

How can I become involved in the prayer quilt ministry?

Anyone who wants to be involved can participate! We need your input and prayers!

We need willing hands to...

- Cut fabric
- Iron fabric and seams
- Sew quilt tops together
- Put threads into finished quilts for the ties
- Contact Lila Engelbert at 303-798-8289

Everyone is needed to...

- Recognize those in need of prayer!
- Offer prayers!
- Tie knots!
- Watch for the quilts on the 4th Sunday of the month

