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Shawletter

Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers

a network of needle crafters ministering to families of the fallen

Since 2006, volunteers have given

7,066 handmade prayer shawls



Fourth Sunday Blessing of Shawls Belmont Baptist Church Charlottesville, VA

Stitching and Serving

In the last month, we have contacted 40 family members of 21 service personnel in 15 states. Shawls were sent to family members of the following:

SSG Christopher Hall

SGT Adam Gilliam

PV1 Jose Mendez Lassalle

SGT Logan Hettinger

SSG Triston J. Johnson

SFC Paula Walker

SGT Kenneth Sanders

SGT Christopher Mullaly

1SG Thomas Leon Harper

SGT Christopher Jones

SGT David Cook

MAJ Michael S. Franz

SGT Simone Robinson

SSG Jason McDonald

*Let the pleasure of the Lord
our God be on us:
O Lord, give strength to the
work of our hands.
Psalm 90:17 (BBE)*





Thanks and Thoughts



From a Wife in Washington: I have received your letter with your gracious offer to send us a prayer shawl. I would love it to wrap my boys and I in when praying at night and when in need of extra prayers. I have also attached a picture of our family taken one month before my husband was killed (above). The other picture is the boys now (left). Thank you so much for your kindness. What a wonderful organization!

From a Wife in Ohio: Thank you

From a Mother in Michigan: Thank You

From a Grandmother in Oklahoma: I am his grandmother. I was too ill and can hardly walk. I was not able to go to his funeral. I love my grandson like mom loves her son. I took care of him when he was kindergarten age while his parents were involved their Navy career. I would please love to have one of your prayer shawls to remember my sweet grandson I loved like a son. I would treasure a Prayer Shawl to remember him and feel comforted that he is with God. I would think of him each time I wore my shawl.

From a Wife in North Carolina: Thank you for the letter and option to receive a shawl. This is a great organization and I know you have touched a number of lives who have desperately needed the prayers and hope you're providing. Thank you.

From a Mother in Texas: Thank you so much for your kindness and sympathies.





Hugs and Prayers - St. Luke's UMC – Decatur, Alabama

Recently, we were privileged to meet our neighbors to the north, from St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Decatur, Alabama. They contacted us to share shawls and we were happy to go pick them up! These faithful crafters meet every Monday at a coffee shop to sip and stitch. Other customers and the staff give encouragement and sometimes join in!



Celebrating with Caring Hands Shawl Ministry



Each October, the dedicated crafters at First United Methodist Church in Hartselle, Alabama, celebrate the Caring Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry. Church staff and family members joined the regulars for a yummy breakfast and friendly fellowship. At left is a photo of the group blessing a tiny shawl for a baby boy.