

Shawletter

Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers

a network of needle crafters ministering to families of the fallen

Since 2006 volunteer needle crafters
have given 6,762 handmade prayer shawls.

What's Working So Far

Twice each month we receive a casualty list from the Department of the Army. We then send a letter to all of the next-of-kin on the list explaining Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers, and inviting them to request a shawl by phone, e-mail, or on-line at the website (www.ps4fs.org). When a request is received, we send an e-mail to three or four needle crafters located close to the requestor, informing them of the request. (At this point we provide only the relationship to the service person and the requestor's city/state to maintain as much confidentiality as possible.) In the e-mail, we ask if any of the individuals/groups can provide a shawl, and if so, to reply to us. We then provide the name and mailing address of the requestor to the first group/individual to respond.

Most of the time, requests are matched with providers within 48 hours. In the few cases where no response is received within a week, we then start the process over again with different individuals/groups.

Crafters Needed

PS4FS does not have contact with crafters/groups in these states: Alaska, Georgia, Hawaii, Mississippi, Montana, North & South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. If you know someone who would be interested, please encourage them to contact us.



*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 Mother: Thank you so much for this beautiful ministry. This beautiful prayer-filled prayer shawl has brought comfort to me in a grief that feels bottomless. The shawl is filled with security, with faith and with love, I've felt it from the beginning. Clutching it helps me see and feel the prayers which have been supporting and sustaining us through this time. It filters out the darkness of this tragedy and helps me to endure the worst of the moments, the endless moments. How I wish I could reach out to the loving hands that made it. But how I feel like they are holding my heart in their love each and every day. Thank you so much for this gift.

(Note – This shawl was presented during the Dignified Transfer ceremony at Dover Air Force Base, so it is impossible to know just who made this particular shawl.....so **all** of you who have sent shawls to Dover may share this thanks.)

From a Mother: I would like to thank you for your words of sympathy during our time of loss. Thank you for the opportunity to own the Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers.

From a Widow: Thank you so much, this is awesome!

From the Parents: We recently received a letter from PS4FS expressing sympathy for the loss of our son. In the letter, we learned of the Prayer Shawl ministry. We appreciate your kind words expressed in the letter. We would like to request a Prayer Shawl in order to have a keepsake for our grandchildren, the son and daughter of our son. Thank you for your ministry in this way.

From a Widow: Thank you for remembering the soldiers' families. I shall use the shawl in my daily prayers. Thank you all.

From a Widow: Thank you for what you do.

From a Mother: I received the prayer shawl and it is gorgeous. You don't know how much that meant to me. Please give Ms. H... my thanks for a job well done. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers for there is a long road ahead of us.

From a Mother: Thank you, so much, I really do appreciate all the prayers.

From a Sister: Thank you for your letter and condolences. I would greatly appreciate a shawl.

From a Widow: I received a letter in the mail and would really like to receive a prayer shawl. God bless you all and thank you for reaching out to me with something so touching.

From a Mother: What a kind and loving ministry this is. I would love to receive a beautiful prayer shawl in memory of my son.

From a Widow: I greatly appreciate the group on men/women who take the time to honor those with the prayer shawls. My children and I appreciate these selfless acts of kindness to the families of the fallen. God Bless!

From a Mother: Thanking you in advance for your dedication to helping military families. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and your craft.

From a Widow: This is a wonderful service you offer and I want you to know how much all your effort, work and time is appreciated.

From a Mother: Thank you so very much for reaching out to myself and my family. What you do is a beautiful way for our fallen soldiers families to know they are loved and never forgotten. My sincerest thank you to all who donate their time and energy to this wonderful cause.