

Shawletter

Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers

a network of needle crafters ministering to families of the fallen

Since 2006 volunteer needle crafters
have given **6,986** handmade prayer shawls

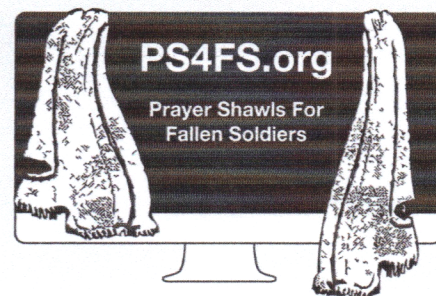


Dover Shawl Delivery

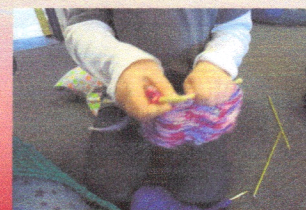
The Prayer Shawl Ministry group of **Belmont Baptist Church**, in Charlottesville, Virginia, visited **Friends of the Fallen** in Dover to personally deliver prayer shawls. The Belmont group has a long association with Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers and is always ready to send shawls when needed.

Gift of Stamps

Our thanks to Hannah Circle, Church of the Savior United Methodist Church, in Montgomery, Ohio. They collected two months supply of stamps to help us contact families.



*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 in Colorado: My son was killed a little over a year ago, February 26, 2013. Thank you for wanting to honor those who served and the families who love them. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you so much. It is so kind of your ministry to make these prayer shawls and lap robes for us. Yes, my son was a special gift to our lives. He has three brothers and a sister who miss him so very much. I am a Christian, and would love a prayer shawl. The one you mentioned sounds wonderful.

He was in special forces in the Marines - 1st Force Reconnaissance. People don't hear much about them. They are low key, and under the radar as much as possible. He was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and received medals for his bravery in combat. He survived those dangerous situations, but was in a parachute accident in California...training with his Recon brothers. He loved jumping and had jumped many, many times. That day, his parachute malfunctioned. It has been a most difficult, and life-changing journey. I know without a doubt, he is in heaven. He loved the Lord, and was a testimony to so many. I receive messages from so many young men who have shared how, because of him, they are now Christians. That blesses my heart, even though it hurts everyday without him. I know we will be reunited one day. It is because of God's grace and goodness that I make it through everyday. We grieve, but not like those who have no hope.

Thank you for your kindness. It means very much to me.

From a Mother by phone: I want you to know I'm living again! I hung the shawl over the window at the back door, folded the top over like a valance, it's like stained glass – colors the whole house!

From a Wife in Ohio: Thank you very much for contacting me via mail and letting me know about this wonderful service. Thank you so much and it is very much appreciated during this difficult time. God Bless!

From a Mother in Georgia: I would love to have a shawl. Thank You for all you do for families.

From a Father in Indiana: Thank you for your offer. While I am not likely to use a shawl myself, my wife asked that I respond to your offer so that we can keep the shawl and give to my son's daughter when she is older.

From a Mother in Indiana: Thank you for your ministry

From a Wife in Texas: Thank you so much. Your craft and work in volunteering to do such a thing are very honorable and gracious.

Shared via one of our caring groups: I received the Prayer Shawl today. It is BEAUTIFUL! I'm actually sitting here with it on my lap! Please thank Carol Hackenberg for me. I will treasure this always. Again, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart!

From a Mother in Florida: Thank you so much for the prayer shawl you made for me. It's a very kind gift of caring.



Thank you, Kat Mapes

PS4FS.org was privileged to have Kat Mapes join us for a busy week to complete her senior service project requirements. She prepared and mailed our family contact letters, participated in Memorial Day services, visited four needlecraft groups, completed three beautiful knitted shawls (one is shown at left), and kept a journal of her experiences. After graduating from Cincinnati Country Day School, she will attend the College of Mount St. Joseph and play volleyball, basketball and lacrosse. She hopes to serve in the Navy as a specialist in Explosive Ordinance Disposal.

Thank you, Sandra Singh Knit-A-Long Friends!

Shawls are arriving and they're beautiful! The online sharing has been fun: yarn choices, pattern choices, rips and restarts. It's been a great opportunity to try something new and meet some new knitters online!





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Friends Helping Lift the Families of the Fallen

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Friends of the Fallen I would like to thank you for your generous donation of time and talent you made to our organization. The prayer shawls are proudly displayed in our Center for the Fallen and at the Fisher House.

We have the unique opportunity to care for family members who travel to Dover to witness the dignified transfer of their loved one. We provide a sense of home during their extremely difficult visit. We cannot do this delicate mission of hospitality and compassion without a tremendous amount of support.

We have over 40 sincere and well trained volunteers from all three counties in Delaware and surrounding states. Over this past year we were able to be at every dignified transfer, providing baked goods, beverages and an extensive list of comfort items, should a family member need them. We also facilitated the planning and installation of a playground built behind the Fisher House.

We share a common respect for our service members and their families. Your donation to Friends of the Fallen is heartfelt and appreciated.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Karen Mordus
President