

SHAWLETTER

Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers

a network of needle crafters ministering
to families of the fallen

Since 2006, volunteers have given **7,146**
handmade prayer shawls

We Need Your Help

Earlier this year we had a situation occur that caused us to consider possible changes in the way we locate prayer shawl providers. During a nine-day period we received five prayer shawl requests from the same state – a state where we have only two needle crafters affiliated with Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers. We were able to find providers for all five shawls (from within the state and nearby states), but this prompted us to look closely at our list of shawl providers. There are several states with five or fewer needle crafters, and nine states without a single contact.

Our original idea to match a prayer shawl provider in the same state as the family member requesting the shawl was an attempt to minimize postage costs when mailing the shawl. However, it is now apparent to us that we may need additional help providing prayer shawls in those states with few (or no) providers. We intend to actively solicit more providers in those states, however, in the interim, we would like to establish a list of individuals or groups that are willing to send a shawl anywhere in the US. So if you/your group would be willing to provide shawls anywhere in the country, please e-mail us at ps4fs2@gmail.com and let us know we may contact you/your group for any requests. If you/your group wants to continue providing shawls locally, that is completely understandable, and we will continue to contact you when we receive a request in your state, however, if you can extend your ministry, we (and, more importantly, the family members of fallen service personnel) will greatly appreciate it.

Stitching and Serving

During the month of January, we contacted 37 family members of 22 service personnel in 14 states. Since the last Shawletter Prayer Shawls were shared with the families of these service members:

MAJ Terry Stevenson

LTC Michael J Greene

SGM Samuels Baidoos

SPC Shane Elick

SGT Sheneika Freeman

PFC Arsenio Ugalde II

SGT Gregory J. Gorski

SPC Ryan Sanderson

SGT Nicholas McGehee

*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 Wisconsin:
Thank You!

From a Wife in New York: Thank You and God bless you. We are extremely grateful for providing us with the shawls. May God bless every hand and every heart opened to give back to our family.

From the Parents in California: I would like to say thank you for the time you have taken to contact us. Both of us would love to have a shawl. Our son was a great son and soldier. He is going to be missed greatly. I knew that one day he would be free from pain.

I do needle work myself and know the time and love it takes.

From a Wife in Massachusetts:
Thank you so much for what you do.

From a Mother in Pennsylvania: I thank you very much !!!

From a Mother in Louisiana: I received a prayer shawl when my son was killed and it is very pretty. It makes my heart full knowing you guys don't forget our loved ones and you continue to think of us.

From a Mother in Texas: Thank you.

From a Mother in Pennsylvania:
Thank You

From a Mother in Rhode Island
Thanks so much for supporting the Prayer Shawl 4 Fallen Soldiers Ministry. Please know how deeply it has touched my heart and that I cherish my shawl and the comfort it offers me. Blessings.

From a Father in Phoenix: Please thank the woman named Mary, who knitted the prayer shawl in honor of my son. It gives me comfort while grieving for my son. She lives in the Peoria, Az. area. With the highest respect for what you do...

