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Prayer Cloth
Ministry

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Pocket prayer cloths mainly go to the troops though we do get requests via internet for them also (for anyone). Big prayer cloths go to injured troops, hospitals, veterans and we also do public prayer cloths around the world. Pocket prayer cloths are approximately 3x5 inches (enough to fit in a pocket) and the bigger prayer cloths are 7 x 11 inches or bigger. These sizes are approximate and if you are off on the size please do not worry they all find homes.

**Yarns:** ANY yarn may be used. If making pocket prayer cloths, please use a tighter stitch. You can use any stitch for the larger prayer cloths

#### Other items we accept:

Prayer bunnies, angels, and bear rugs- for ill children and children of the servicemen and woman.

**Donations:** Following the tradition of Jesus and the apostles who gave themselves freely to those in need of prayers, comfort and healing; we in the prayer cloth ministry give the prayer cloths free of cost. A ministry isn't a ministry without people like you!!

# Prayer Cloth Ministry



Sending Prayer Cloths to the world and to Our Troops.

"Prayers you hold onto"



## History of Prayer Cloths

Prayer cloths originated as an old practice of spreading prayers that can be found throughout Christian history and in the Bible. Traditionally prayer cloths were taken from the clothing of the saints and apostles, even Jesus Christ Himself. These prayer cloths or "handkerchiefs" were believed to have the power of Jesus flowing through them. In other scriptural beliefs, Jesus healed a multitude of sick and diseased people by simply allowing them to touch a piece of his clothes. One wellknown Biblical story in Luke 8:40-48 tells of a sick lady who approaches Jesus, thinking "But if I touch the hem of His garment I shall be cured." And that's exactly what happened as Jesus felt His miraculous power flow through the garment to cure the woman. However, it is not the cloth that is responsible for the healing. Prayer cloths themselves are powerless. It is the faith of the Believer who receives the cloth that brings healing and comfort. That faith is in the power of prayer and ultimately in the healing power of God, symbolized by the cloth.

Many prayer groups offer prayer cloths as a simple cloth with holy oil applied to it. However, Our Prayer Cloth Ministry is more similar to the prayer shawl ministries around the country. Prayer cloths, like prayer shawls, are made in the same manner with a prayer in every stitch. Inspired by Acts 19:11-12, prayer cloths can be knitted, crocheted, loomed, or sewn. Our prayer cloths and shawls are made by many different Christian denominations. We do not proclaim one certain religious denomination over the other. What we proclaim is that we believe in one God and in the strength and comfort of prayer.

#### **Uses of Prayer Cloths:**

Prayer cloths can be used in many different ways. You can place the prayer cloth on a special table and place prayer requests or pictures of those who are in need of prayers on the cloth. The prayer cloths may also be placed directly on the sick person or held while praying. Prayer cloths can be used to comfort the dying, the ill, those recovering from sickness, the aged, and the lonely and fearful. People needing spiritual comfort, going through depression, family difficulties, trials or tribulations can find comfort from receiving prayer cloths. They can even be given to mark special occasions, such as birthdays, 1<sup>st</sup> communion and anniversaries. Pocket prayer cloths are used in the same way but are made small enough to be tucked away into such places as wallets, purses, backpacks, pockets, and in the case of the military, in their helmets.

I have even been told of patients facing surgery tucking a small prayer cloth in their hospital gown to be able to carry the prayers into surgery!

### About the ministry...

The Prayer Cloth Ministry began in March 2005 by a woman who came up with the idea when her mother was hospitalized and was given a small piece of cloth anointed with oil. She was amazed at the comfort that small cloth brought to her mother, and so she started the prayer cloth ministry. Originally the cloths were to be just a simple cloth. That idea has since been expanded to include a variety of cloths made from yarn or cloth.

In January of 2006, a new leader took over the prayer cloth ministry and expanded its focus not only to the public, but also to the American military forces worldwide.

Hence, the ministry's name was changed to Prayer Cloth Ministry/Sending Troops Prayers. The ministry has sent prayer cloths to many different countries besides America, including Canada, Iraq, Afghanistan, England, South Africa and Australia.

More than 10,000 prayer cloths have been sent to the military and over 1,000 cloths have been sent to those in need among the general public. There are over 130 members from all around America who volunteer in the making of prayer cloths as well as a few international members. They represent all different levels of experience in crocheting, knitting, looming and sewing.