

**Prayer Before We Start to Knit  
our Prayer Shawls**

**May we become one with the One  
who knitted each of us in our  
mother's womb...**

**As we begin knitting we pray for  
God's blessing on our endeavors...  
We join our prayers with all those  
all over the earth in this common  
effort to bring healing, wholeness,  
comfort and celebration.**

**I humbly ask God to bless my  
hands and to be the source of  
creating something of beauty  
and love...  
to bless my knitting to become  
a shawl of comfort and caring...  
to bless the one who will  
receive the fruit of my prayers  
and my knitting...  
Amen**



**Prayer for Healing**

*May this gift knit for you with love and prayers,  
Be a mantle and sign of God's healing presence.  
May it warm you when you are weary.  
May it surround you with ease in your suffering.  
May it encircle you with caring when you are in  
pain.  
May it comfort you when you feel alone.  
May it remind you of God's abiding love.  
Amen*

**Our Lady of Malibu**

**Knitters**

**OUR LADY OF  
MALIBU  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

**PRAYER  
SHAWL  
MINISTRY**



## The Origin of Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls have their origin in Biblical times. The Biblical Tallit or four-cornered outer mantle served also as a personal prayer tent.

It was considered the visible symbol of the Word of God and demonstrated the personal power that is transferred when the mantle is passed from one person to another.

In recent years, compassion and the love of knitting have been combined into a prayerful ministry practice that reaches those in need of comfort, solace, and joy.

The shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient with these intentions continued throughout the creation of the Prayer Shawl.

Prayer Shawls are given to those in need of comfort in times of stress or loss, bereavement, or to those undergoing medical procedures and during illness or recovery.



Many blessings are prayed into every stitch. Upon completion a final blessing is offered and the shawl is given away to someone in need of spiritual strength.



Psalms 61:4 Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge undertake shelter of your wings!

Our Lady of Malibu Prayer Shawl Ministry began in the fall of 2009 and has donated shawls to countless parishioners in need of our prayers and compassion. These shawls remind the recipient in a tangible way that they are wrapped in the loving arms of our Lord.

If you would like to join our Ministry or if you know of someone in need of comfort please contact Birute Anne Vileisis at 310/456-7460 or Sandy Hollins at 310/456-3060.

