

PRAVERS AND SQUARES



***† OAKLAND AVENUE †
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

Prayers & Squares Chapter 1150

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church Prayer Quilt Request Form

Prayer Quilt Requested for: _____

Your Name: _____ Your Phone: _____ Date: _____

How do you know Recipient: _____

Note:

The Recipient must be willing to receive our prayers in the form of a quilt. You must have okayed the request for the prayer quilt with the Recipient or their family (please initial):

What situation led you to request prayers in the form of a quilt for this person?

What specific prayers are needed as the quilt is made and the knots tied for Recipient

What color guidelines or other suggestion can you make as we choose a quilt?

Our ministry is supported solely by your donations and prayers. We ask for both if possible.
We sincerely appreciate your help

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(Prayers & Squares member please indicate top selected:)

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Welcome to Prayers and Squares

Prayers & Squares is an interfaith outreach organization that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. Unlike many other groups that make quilts for charitable causes, the purpose of Prayers & Squares is not to make and distribute quilts, but to promote prayer through the use of quilts. Our motto is: *"It's not about the quilt; it's all about the prayers."*

Each Knot Represents a Prayer

The idea behind these prayer quilts is simple. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is said for someone in special need, who then receives the finished quilt.

Through Prayers & Squares many quilts have been distributed, each a special gift of love. They have been made for sick babies, for cancer and AIDS patients, for adults and children facing surgery or personal crisis; for many reasons, but each for someone in special need of prayer.

If you enjoy sewing or quilting, or would just like to share in this special ministry, please contact Martee Patton at mcpatton@comporium.net or 803.366.7226.



Member Chapters agree to follow these "Three Commandments" of Prayers & Squares:

1. Remember the Prayers & Squares motto: "It's not about the quilt, it's all about the prayers."
The purpose of your ministry must be to promote an active prayer life among the participants, not just to make and give away quilts. Strive to involve as many people as possible in your prayer efforts.
2. You must ASK before you give the gift of a prayer quilt; surprises are not appropriate. Ask if the person to receive the quilt will accept your gift of prayer. Ask what they would like you to pray for. Ask what information about their situation may be shared with others.
3. Do not accept any form of payment for a prayer quilt; it is a gift of love and prayer which cannot be bought or sold. Those who request or receive prayer quilts must not be made to feel obligated to Prayers & Squares in any way.

The History of Prayers & Squares

A few ladies started an informal quilting group in 1992 at Hope United Methodist Church in Ranch Bernardo, California, with no other purpose than to have fun making quilts together. Then, a group member's 2-year-old grandson ended up in a coma following heart surgery. His doctors were very pessimistic about Kody's chances for recovery. The ladies decided to make a quilt in vivid primary colors. There was no time to quilt it, so it was tied with perle cotton thread as silent prayers were said for Kody. "There must be a prayer tied in with each knot" someone remarked. The group's first prayer quilt was rushed to the hospital that night.

Even before he was fully conscious, Kody's little hands were touching and fingering the knots on his quilt. After he came out of the coma, the quilt became important in his recovery. In fact, his doctors wrote into his medical chart that the quilt was not to leave his side! Through several subsequent surgeries, whenever he needed another needle stick or a scary test, that quilt was right with him, providing comfort and strength for many years.

Other parents began to hear of the quilt and wanted to know where they could get one for their sick children. What had begun as a small project has grown into an active outreach ministry. For more information, visit <http://www.prayerquilt.org/>