

# Prayers & Squares Quilting Ministry



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## Sponsor Responsibilities

1. At the worship service, during Sharing Our Joys And Concerns, the pastor will call you forward for the dedication of the quilt. Stand on the chancel steps facing the congregation. Open the quilt so people can see it.
2. Reserve some ties for family and friends who were not able to come to church. They can tie them and pray when the recipient has the quilt.
3. Arrange to give the quilt to the recipient.

## Prayers & Squares Three Commandments

1. **Make prayer the purpose of the ministry.**
2. **Before tying a prayer quilt for an individual, that person must agree to accept the gift of prayer in the form of a quilt.**
3. **Never accept payment for a quilt.**

## Prayer Requests:

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Please call the Church Office with these prayer request.

# Prayers & Squares Quilting Ministry

Can you touch a prayer? Can you pull it close and feel its comfort? You can if it's part of a prayer quilt.

Prayers & Squares is an interfaith outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. Unlike many other organizations that make quilts for charitable purposes, the purpose of Prayers & Squares is not to make and distribute quilts, but to promote prayer through the use of quilts.

A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. Individual members of the congregation then finish these quilts by tying knots in the quilt after each worship service. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is said for someone in special need, who then receives the finished quilt.

This is not just a gift of a quilt; it is a gift of love and prayer. It is an affirmation of our faith in God and our belief in God's power to comfort, strengthen and heal.

The quilters and sewers of Banning United Methodist Church Prayers and Squares Quilting Ministry meet to make quilts on the 3rd Tuesday

of each month from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon in the North Classroom. Visitors and new sewers/quilters are encouraged to join us at any time!

Donations of 100% cotton fabric, polyester batting, and sewing and quilting items are welcome as well as monetary gifts.

Anyone can request a quilt for another person who is in special need of prayer. We refer to the requester as the quilt's "sponsor."

The sponsor needs to:

- ◆ Contact the Prayers & Squares Quilting Ministry, Charlene Neitzel, 951-849-4041, or Ida Oestman, 951-849-6686.
- ◆ Ask the quilt recipient to agree to accept the gift of prayer in the form of a quilt.
- ◆ Ask the quilt recipient for their specific prayer requests.
- ◆ Call the Church Office, 951-849-3413, to add their name and prayer requests to the Prayer List.
- ◆ Be present at the service to present the quilt. Invite friends and family to participate.
- ◆ Provide a photo of the recipient to display during the tying/praying process—this helps others to focus on the person if possible.
- ◆ Deliver the quilt to the recipient.

## Prayers & Squares Request Form

Name of Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Relationship to Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_ When quilt is needed\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Allow 2-4 weeks for completion of quilt

Situation/reason for quilt: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer request: (use space on back of request form)

Requested/sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo available? Yes/No      Family/friends available to help? Yes/No

Detach form and place in Charlene Neitzel's communication file in the Narthex

Before submitting this request, please ask the recipient if he or she is ready to accept a prayer quilt and what specific prayers are requested.