

**Welcome
to the
St. Frances Cabrini
Prayer Shawl
Ministry**

A Council of Catholic Women Circle

Introduction

Read to the parish when Prayer Shawls are Blessed

The prayer shawls are made in a spiritual and prayerful atmosphere to focus on God's presence in our lives.

We bring our finished shawls and tie them with a green ribbon to signify "HOPE" and our prayer card is attached.

We ask for a blessing as they are now ready to be given to those who are in need of Hope...Love...Joy...Peace....Courage in their daily lives and that they are not alone in their daily struggles of life.

At the beginning of the weekly group meeting

Opening Prayer

"God, bless the work of my hands, may it bring joy to the wearer and peace to the crafter. May the person who receives this shawl feel your loving embrace. May this shawl be a tangible prayer and blessing. Amen"

Prayer to be said while knitting

*Bless this shawl that it may be
filled with healing energy.*

*May each stitch be filled with care,
comfort, strength, and warmth to share.*

*May the love in every row
help God's sacred healing flow.*

Prayer for Shawl Ministry - Closing Prayer

**Dear Lord, We thank you for the generous gifts we have received
and ask for your
continued blessings on our homes and families.**

**May the Holy Spirit guide us as we share of our time, talents, prayers
and love in this Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**We also ask your blessings on the recipients of the shawls that they may feel
comforted
by your steadfast love and if possible that their health be restored.**

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer Of Blessing *(blessing for a completed shawl)*

**May God's grace be upon this shawl...
warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.
May this mantle be a safe haven... a sacred place of security and well-being...
sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.
May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace,
and wrapped in love.
Blessed Be!**

At St. Frances Cabrini we meet every week . Meetings are started with a prayer and the crochet and knitting begins. It is a time for fellowship and conversation. We do say a prayer while doing our hand work and a closing prayer. Our shawls are blessed during Mass, before or after the Prayers of the Faithful. This way we have our parishioners aware of the ministry. Shawls and lap blankets have a medal or cross fixed to them and given to those in need. We keep a record book with the date, name of the person who made the shawl or lap blanket and a clipping of the yarn. At the time the shawl or blanket is given, we record the name of the person who is to receive it and the person who is presenting.

We do not take any money for our shawls. The yarn is received as a donation from parishioners. On First Friday visits our Pastor does give out shawls during the visit.