

**To you, my friend...**

"The Lord bless you  
and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you:

The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24 - 26

Caring for your  
Prayer Shawl  
Machine wash in warm water on  
"gentle cycle." Tumble dry on "low."

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## Your Prayer Shawl

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is a gift for you from

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**

Our prayer is that you will feel wrapped in the  
embrace of our loving God, and find comfort in  
knowing that the hands that knit this *prayer shawl*  
held you and your needs in prayer as it

While the knitter did not know who you were, and did not know your specific need as the *prayer shawl* was being knit, prayers for the recipient of this prayer shawl were entrusted to our Lord who did, and does know your need. We can trust in the same promise of God that Moses reminded Joshua of, "*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*" (Deuteronomy 31:8)

#### **The Psalmist reminds us...**

*"For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."*

Psalm 139: 13-14

We pray that you will find comfort in remembering that the God who "knit you together in your mother's womb," will never abandon the work of His hands. Your Lord's love and care for you are your daily companion. Our hope and prayer is that you will feel His loving embrace as you wrap your *prayer shawl* around you.

## *Praying with Your Prayer Shawl*

Your prayer shawl is intended to be a reminder of God's ever-present love, which is as close to you as your spirit is to your body. Use your *prayer shawl*:

In times of joy or sorrow.

In times of triumph or defeat.

In times of rejoicing or weeping.

In times of failure or celebration.

During times of private prayer, or as a focus point when you gather in prayer with friends.

However you choose to use your *prayer shawl*, in whatever circumstance, we pray it will be a blessing in growing your awareness of God's presence in your life and His faithfulness to your care. May it serve as a reminder of the presence of your Companion God.

The cross is a reminder that the God who lovingly "knit you together in your mother's womb," also willingly laid down his life to redeem you from your sin. With such love and gentle care He will surely walk with you, one step at a time, through your life's journey. The cross radiates a promise of love and compassion, and an eternal hope that never will dim.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16)

