

Prayer Shawls/Blankets



Katie Leblanc and Tracie Krueger (a Confirmation parent) (UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center in Worcester, MA) are both looking for our help.

Katie needs prayer shawls and Tracie needs blankets for the children's surgery ward.

I will give 4 hours for every blanket/shawl you make.

Our dimensions for the Prayer Shawls/Blankets

Fleece: **3/4 of a Yard X(times) 2.** (one solid color fleece/one colorful design for the top) – blankets need to be larger 1.5 yards for each color and patterned fleece – since the blankets are for children & teens use maybe a sports theme or very colorful.

* **FIRST- BEFORE** you do anything- look at your fabric you might want to TRIM the sides... some sides might look rough from the role it was cut from. (just TRIM- maybe 1/4 of an inch or smaller)

* **SECOND: ON ALL corners;** CUT 5' by 5".

* **THIRD: CUT 5" strips -** One inch apart. (see the video) Then tie **the 5" strips into a knot with the knot being nearest to the blanket.** (so, it looks like a knot and not easy to come undone)

(Some of you may remember we made blankets like this in 8th Grade)

Finally: Put the Prayer Throws/Blankets in a plastic bag when complete. (this helps to kill any germs- put in an unused dryer sheet into the bag)

Please drop off at the Parish Center: Monday-Friday: 9am-2pm.

I will distribute evenly between the two groups.

"I want to first and foremost thank you for the continued supply of fleece blankets. The children coming in for surgery absolutely light up when they receive them.... truly a game changer in terms of the hospital experience for them".

Tracie Krueger