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 PRAYERCLOTHSEnhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through this special crochet project.

The cloths are a legacy of love because of Wilna Ashby, a friend of Bethesda who crochet prayer cloths for people we support while she was battling cancer.

The crochet squares are physical, tactile reminders that God is always with us, and feature a square design with a raised cross in the center. The cloths are made to hold during prayer or while praying the Rosary.

How to participate? Crochet at home or with friends, and contact us at Volunteer.Services@BethesdaLC.org for mailing instructions.

Prayer Cloth pattern and card information on back © ©

## PRAYER CLOTH PATTERN Skill Level: Intermediate Popcorn Stitch Finished size approximately 5" X 7" <br> Materials Needed: <br> - Soft worsted weight cotton yarn - solids and multi-colored • Size "H" crochet hook <br> Make 3 dc in the same stitch. Take the hook out of the loop of the last dc and insert the hook in the top of first dc. <br> Hook the loop you just dropped and draw popcorn stitch to the front as you move to the next sc. <br> $$
\text { ABBREVIATIONS: ch = chain } \quad s c=\text { single crochet } \quad \mathrm{dc}=\text { double crochet } \quad \mathrm{pc}=\text { popcorn stitch } \quad s \mid s t=\text { slip stitch }
$$ <br> yo = yarn over sk= skip a stitch

to begin the prayer cloth: Ch 18 loosely.
Rowl (RI) - Starting in the second chain from the hook, sc in each chain ( 17 sc total), chl, Turn.
R2 - sc in each stitch across (17 sc total). ch 1. Turn.
R3. $-8 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{pc}, 8 \mathrm{sc}$. chl. Turn.
R4 - sc in each stitch across ( 17 sc total). chl. Turn.
R5 - 14 - Repeat rows 3 and 4 (5 times)
R15-2 $2 c, 1 \mathrm{pc}, 1 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{pc}, 1 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{pc}, 1 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{pc}, 1 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{pc}, 1 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{pc}, 1 \mathrm{sc}, 1 \mathrm{pc}, 2 \mathrm{pc}, \mathrm{ch} 1$. Turn.
R16 - sc in each stitch (17 sc total)
R17-22 - Repeat rows 3 and 4 (3 times)
R23 - sc in each stitch (17 sc total)
BORDER: ch 2, sc in each row, 3 sc in the corner, sc in each stitch across the bottom, 3 sc in the corner, sc in each row up the side, 3 sc in the corner, sc in each stitch across the top, slst in the beginning sc at the corner and finish off.

May this Prayer Cloth bring you comfort during your prayer time. May you feel God's peace as you pray.
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Rejoice in knowing God
hears your prayers. God is always with you.

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When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful.

- Romans 12:12 NIrV

