

### BASICS FOR A PRAYER CLOTH TEAM

- \* Anyone who has a sincere desire to pray for others can participate.
- \* A compassionate heart is all that is required.
- \* The Spirit should always be invited into the time.
- \* The persons praying must avoid making negative comments and should pray consistent with Scripture.

### EXAMPLES OF WAYS PEOPLE CAN PRAY

Requests can be made for healing of difficulties. Persons praying may share visions or may share words of comfort they receive from the Spirit. Silent prayers are sometimes more comfortable for some people.

After the leader prays, each person praying while holding the cloth or touching the receiver may say a short individualized prayer addressing the person's particular need. Then the cloth can be anointed with oil. All persons praying are welcome and encouraged to touch the shoulder of those forming the team, with the symbolic laying on of hands for the healing of the one who is to receive the cloth.

### WHO SHOULD BE PRAYED FOR?

Anyone who can use support and comfort is a candidate.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR GETTING STARTED

Pray for guidance. Talk to some people you think might be interested in being a part of the team. Set aside a meeting time to form a plan of action.

### NUTS AND BOLTS TO REMEMBER

Make sure everyone knows the person's name before praying. Ask the person to share any information they desire to share before praying. If the receiver is not present, get an address for sending the cloth. Be sure to have cloths and oil available. Be sure to ask permission to touch the person receiving prayer. If the person is not present, consider having the prayer team members sign the cloth.

### An Example of How a Prayer Session Might Begin:

Leader—"Spirit of the Living God, we gather before you and invite you into our presence. We pray for our sister/brother (insert the person's name). We have faith that where 2 or more are gathered in your name all things are possible, for you are in our midst. In this hope and faith, we pray for your presence, comfort and peace to be continually with (person's name). We ask you to relieve (person's name) suffering and that you will let your light of love penetrate his/her body. We ask that you send comfort to (person's name) through those that surround and come in contact with him/her. May your healing, encouraging, and protective love be felt in all that (person's name) does. We know in faith that your love, compassion, and healing energy will be transferred by your Spirit to (person's name) through this simple anointed cloth. May this cloth be a reminder of all we have asked for (person's name)."



### FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A CARD TO INCLUDE WHEN SENDING THE CLOTH:

"This cloth is inspired by the Spirit to bring comfort and peace to you. Regardless of your beliefs, faith or situation in life, our team wants to bless you with this cloth. We hope it will remind you that you are loved and not alone. May this knowledge bring you strength and peace. May you be well, may you be happy, may you be free from suffering. Love and Blessings."

IF YOU HAVE OTHER FRIENDS IN NEED,  
PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE  
FOLLOWING TEAM MEMBERS OR IF  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT WITH  
US TO PRAY--CALL DIANE AUSTIN,  
913-384-0811 OR RAYLENE DESUZA  
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# PRAYER CLOTH MINISTRY



✠ MATTHEW 18:19 ✠

Prayer is an essential part of Christian living, but what can we do to show others in a tangible way that they are being prayed for even if they are living far away?

You can show your love and compassion for others in a way that is completely non-threatening, thoughtful and responsive through a Prayer Cloth Ministry.





#### LUKE 8:40 - 48

*As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. 43 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, [a] but no one could heal her. 44 She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.*

*45 "Who touched me?" Jesus asked.*

*When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."*

*46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."*

*47 Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. 48 Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."*



# ..and touched the edge of His cloak..

## WHAT IS A PRAYER CLOTH MINISTRY?

Ministering with prayer cloths is an ancient practice that has been used by Christians as a symbol of great faith dating back to the well-known story from Luke 8:40-48. The Gospel tells of a woman who believed that if she just touched the robe of Jesus she would be healed. As she touched his robe, Jesus felt power flow out of him. He declared that the woman's faith was strong and she was healed. In later centuries, relics and pieces of clothing were thought to bring healing and relief to the believers. Today we celebrate this practice through anointed cloths and compassionate prayers for those in need of hope, support, and spiritual comfort.

A Prayer Cloth Ministry is a gathering of two or more who pray over and anoint a cloth in faith. Wherever people gather in the name of the Spirit and pray, there is a healing power. Those gathered together pray for the relief of the difficulties of the receiver. Prayer is inspired by the Spirit and by a desire to bring comfort to the sick, dying or anyone suffering in any way.

The benefit of this type of ministry is that it can be done with or without the receiver present. The cloth can then be given to or sent to the receiver. The cloth is intended to give hope, comfort and support to the receiver by reminding them of the power of faith in prayer and by giving them the knowledge that others care, even people who don't know personally the receiver of the prayer.

Prayer cloths are traditionally carried by the receiver in a pocket or purse or wallet, or they are placed under a pillow or on a bedside table.

Many people have had their cloths pinned to their gowns while in surgery or the hospital.

## HOW DOES A PRAYER CLOTH MINISTRY WORK?

Prayer cloths can be requested by any individual with a need for prayer.

Prayer cloths require a group of 2 or more individuals willing to pray for the person requesting the cloth; it requires a supply of colored or plain material and 1 or more anointing oils. The most common oils used are lavender, sandalwood, and rosemary.

To anoint a prayer cloth, a scheduled time and place to meet and pray must be arranged. In organized churches, a convenient time for such a meeting occurs just after the church services have ended. The ministry can be structured with a team leader and a group of people who form a prayer team; or it can be performed spontaneously where any group willing to pray is gathered.



Requests for prayer cloths can be solicited as a part of a church service, in a bulletin with a contact name, or they can be set up as a link on a website for the church.