

Crocheting a Prayer Shawl

The meaning behind the 3 chains and 3 rows of DC and the single chain and single crochet; is the 3 chains and rows are: (Let not the chain of love be broken)

God the Father - **God the Son** - **And the Holy Spirit**

.....are crocheted into ONE! (the one single crochet!)

So as I crochet the first row I pray Our Father Who Art in Heaven - and think of my Father in Heaven, and pray for His Grace, love, be given to [the person] I pray for. Crocheting the second row, I say the 23rd Psalm and dwell in the reassuring love of Christ, who gave his life for all. I pray that He put His loving arms around for whom I pray for and give them peace. Thirdly, I pray that the person for whom I make this shawl for will be filled with the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit be poured out and surround the person I crochet this for, for their family and their homes.

Prayers

"As I made this prayer shawl I prayed for the one who will receive it. I prayed for that one to receive from God the help needed. I prayed that they would be reminded that they are not alone. I prayed that they would find in this shawl a place of comfort and strength. When I was told it would be given to you, I prayed for you and will continue to pray for you - and ask that you pray for me."

"May this gift made for you with love,
be a mantle and a sign of God's sustaining presence.

May it refresh your weariness;

Surround you with comfort in your suffering.

May it encircle you with healing with your pain;

Consolation with your loneliness.

May it bring joy in sorrow or gladness."

"May God's grace be upon this shawl
warming, comforting, enfolding, 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 in difficult ones.
May the one who receives this shawl
be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love.
God bless you.

This shawl was knit with love and care,
Each stitch made with a special prayer;
To warm you when you feel a chill,
And hold you when you're very ill.
To give you strength and hope and cheer,
To let you know that God is near.
As you wrap it 'round you tight,
Know that God blesses you this night.