



# Prayers & Squares International



The Prayer Quilt Ministry – March, 2007

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Prayer Quilters,

I am having the best sewing weather at my house, how about you? Time to catch up on my quilts and catch up with all of you.

Have you registered for the regional conferences in San Diego, California or Ontario, Canada? We would also be glad to help you put one together in your area. We now have over 600 chapters in the world, so regional conferences will be the best way for all of us to stay in touch.

We have been answering some questions on our interfaith status as a ministry. As you probably already know, the definition of interfaith is "of, operating or occurring between persons belonging to different religions" (Webster's Dictionary). Even though this ministry was founded in a Methodist church, and the Board of Directors is currently made up of those who attend Christian churches, it stands as an **interfaith** ministry.

The mission of this organization is to cover the world in prayer. The focus is on prayer and bringing comfort to those in need with your prayer quilts, not how you come to God in prayer. It was not founded this way to be "politically correct". It was founded on the belief that all of God's children are welcome to come to Him in prayer. So I hope that clears up any confusion.

One of our goals this year is to get to know you all a little better. So be thinking about what makes your chapter special that you would like to share with the other chapters and as soon as

we think of a catchy name for this section of the website we will let you know! We can learn so much from each other!

I wish you God's grace and peace in all that you do,

– *Kathy Cueva, President*  
*Prayers & Squares International*



## ASTRID'S CORNER:

Hi Busy Quilters,

This has been a busy month for me! I was in the middle of making two banners for church and a quilt for my 18 year old granddaughter when I left for 11 days on a wonderful trip. When I returned, my computer was acting funny and my virus scan was not working. After a week or so of anxiety, I think all is well (??) I was able to finish my projects and learned a lot about computers. And best of all, I found a few patterns when I backed up my files!

This month's pattern, Jacob's Diamond, came about when one of my quilters wanted to make the Jacob's Ladder square. She made several and formed a square. We added a top and bottom row and called it Jacob's Diamond.

It is very quick and easy to make, especially if you chain sew all the triangle squares and then chain sew all the four squares. This really saves time and thread.

One of the banners that I was anxious to finish was titled: A Banner of Gratitude and Prayer for our Military. The first one we made was hung by a window, which caused severe fading. For the new banner, we asked the congregation to write their thoughts and prayers on strips of fabric. We included the names of family and friends serving in the military. The Confirmation Classes and Sunday School Classes also participated. The pattern I used, Stars & Stripes Forever, can be found on: [www.quickquilts.com/patriotic/pattern\\_103/](http://www.quickquilts.com/patriotic/pattern_103/)

Helen from Chapter 237 shared a wonderful article from the Washington Post: “With Gratitude in Every Stitch”. Here is a link if you are interested; type “comfort quilt” in the search box to find the article.

[www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

I look forward to hearing from you.

*May you find blessings in all you do.*

– Astrid



*Jacob's Diamond*

*And pray in the Spirit  
On all occasions  
With all kinds of prayers and requests*

- Ephesians 6:18

