

Application for New Prayers & Squares Chapter



Thank you for your interest in this ministry. We hope you will decide, after reading this and giving it careful, prayerful consideration, that you are ready to apply for membership as a new Prayers & Squares Chapter.

Membership in Prayers & Squares, The Prayer Quilt Ministry entails a few responsibilities and a number of benefits. In order to stay in touch with our organization, you must have someone with email and internet access who can serve as the contact for your chapter. Member chapters must agree to follow the "Three Commandments" of Prayers & Squares, as printed below. That's it!

Beyond those three basic rules, we encourage you to structure your ministry to best serve the needs of your congregation in any way that promotes prayer and strengthens belief in the power of prayer.

As for benefits of membership, you are entitled to use the name "Prayers & Squares" and to reproduce our logo. Only members are allowed to use the official Prayers & Squares fabric labels, and we encourage you to include one on each quilt you give away.

New members receive a starter kit that includes 20 of these labels plus some basic supplies: a heavy-duty needle threader, two skeins of #5 pearl cotton and a large-eyed needle for adding the prayer ties, curved safety pins for quilt basting, and a permanent marker for writing on the labels. These come packaged in a colorful vinyl zipper bag imprinted with the Prayers & Squares logo. Part of the new member kit is an information packet that includes practical instructions about how to make, finish and add prayer ties to the quilts. Helpful forms are included for you to copy or adapt for your use.

New as of 9/1/08! We are now including a copy of the book "The Giving Quilt" to help with simple patterns for beginning quilters. In addition, members are provided with the access code that allows them to reach the "Members Only" pages on our website. This section provides free patterns plus a variety of tips, tricks and ideas.

The "Three Commandments" of Prayers & Squares

1. Remember the Prayers & Squares motto: ***"It's not about the quilt, it's all about the prayers."*** The purpose of your ministry must be to promote an active prayer life among the participants, not just to make and give away quilts. Strive to involve as many people as possible in your prayer efforts.
2. You must ASK before you give the gift of a prayer quilt; surprises are not appropriate. Ask if the person to receive the quilt will accept your gift of prayer. Ask what they would like you to pray for. Ask what information about their situation may be shared with others.
3. Do not accept any form of payment for a prayer quilt; it is a gift of love and prayer which cannot be bought or sold. Those who request or receive prayer quilts must not be made to feel obligated to Prayers & Squares in any way.

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To become an official chapter of Prayers & Squares, there is a one-time membership fee of \$50. The fastest way is to fill out the membership form and pay the fee online using a credit card through PayPal's secure site. (www.prayerquilt.org/infopages/application.asp) If you prefer, you can print out the form and mail it with a check made out to "Prayers & Squares" to the address below.

You will be contacted by email when the application has been received, and your new member packet will arrive within a couple of weeks after your membership is processed. That's all there is to it! We hope you are ready to take the next step to become an official member of Prayers & Squares, The Prayer Quilt Ministry.

NOTE: It's a good idea to save a copy of this page as a reminder for you to notify us of any changes in email address, mailing address, contact name, phone number, etc.

Welcome to Prayers & Squares!

We would like to become members as a new chapter of Prayers & Squares, The Prayer Quilt Ministry. We agree to follow the "Three Commandments of Prayers & Squares".

Organization or Church Name: _____

Church Mailing Address: _____

Church Phone: _____ Church web site url: _____

In order to reduce expenses and to insure you are updated in a timely manner, we use e-mail to keep in touch with our members. Please designate a contact person who has internet access, and can receive and print out e-mail. This person accepts the responsibility of relaying P&S communications to the chapter leader and/or other members. (Only the chapter's name and phone number will appear on the website chapter list; other information is for our records only. We do not publish contact person's name, phone, address or email online.)

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Group Leader (If different from contact person.)

Leader: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

We like to include something about each new chapter on our website. Use a separate page to tell us a little bit about your church or group. Also, how did you hear about us, and what kind of help or support would you like to get from the Prayers & Squares organization?