



LONG'S CHAPEL

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**IN FAITH,
HOPE AND
LOVE**

PRAYER OF BLESSING

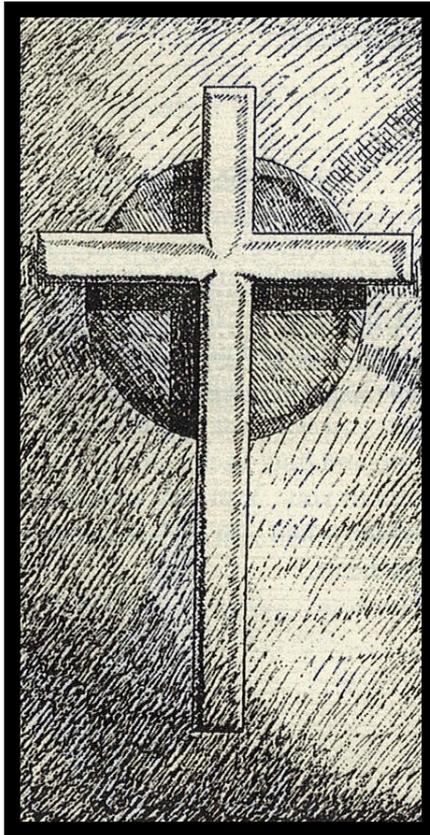
May God's grace be upon this Prayer Stole, warming, comforting and embracing.

May it be a sacred place of security that sustains in good or difficult times.

May the one who receives it be cradled in hope, graced with peace, and wrapped in God's perfect love.

In the name of Jesus.

Amen.



PRAYER STOLE

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows ... How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

The children of Israel had been defeated, their temple destroyed. The Babylonians had led them into captivity. Now, far from home and from all they held dear, they were asked to sing the songs of Zion. But how could they sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

All of us, at one time or another, have found ourselves in a strange land. Perhaps it has been the strange land of cancer or illness. Some have walked through the strange lands of fear or hurt or grief, while others have wandered through the strange lands of depression or personal crisis.

With this in mind, Knitting Ministries presents you with a Prayer Stole. May you drape this stole, knit with our prayers, around you and be reminded of God's presence. May the enclosed Scriptures and prayers help you find love, strength, faith, and hope as you read and meditate from God's word. Like the children of Israel who were led from the strange land of captivity, God too, will lead you to comfort and peace.

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FEAR

Psalm 34:4-5, 7

I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed.

The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

Isaiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand.

Isaiah 42:1-3

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God.

Luke 8:50

Do not be afraid, only believe.

Dear God, thank you for Your perfect love. May I walk in faith with You today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the plans I have for you, declared the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.

Psalms 139:1-3

O Lord, You have searched me and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.

Dear Father, when I am afraid, remind me of Your presence and Your love. Amen.

PEACE

Psalms 4:8

I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Dear Lord, thank you for caring for me today, tomorrow and every day. I ask for peace to put aside all anxious thoughts. Amen.

STRENGTH

Luke 18:27

What is impossible with men is possible with God.

Psalm 18:1-3

I love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

Isaiah 40:28-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will walk and not be faint.

Lord, I praise You for the power and strength of Your love. Give me and those I love perseverance and patience during our time of need. Amen.

GRACE

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

2 Corinthians 12:9

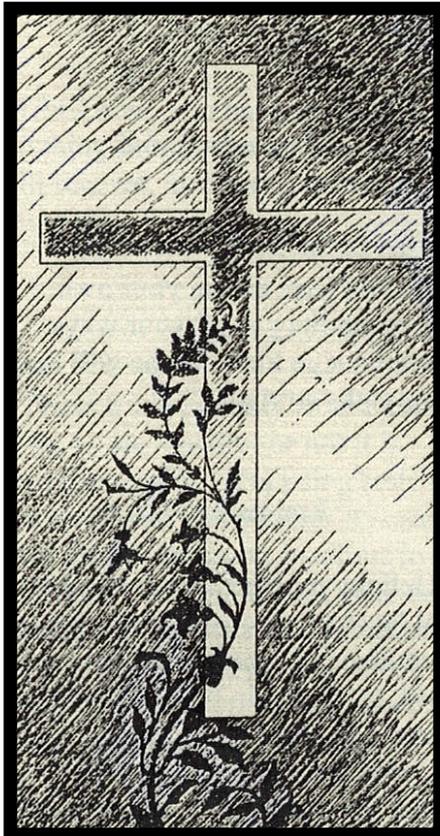
My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.

Jesus, I believe that You alone are able to help me. Thank You for Your unfailing mercy and grace in my time of need. Amen.

TRUST

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.



Psalm 37:4-5, 8

Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret - it only causes harm.

John 16:24

Until now, you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

1 Peter 1:7

These trials are only to test your faith, to see whether or not it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests gold and purifies it - and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold; so if your faith remains strong after being tried in the test tube of fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day of His return.

FAITH

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Timothy 2:13

Even when we are too weak to have any faith left, He remains faithful to us and will help us, for He cannot disown us who are part of Himself, and He will always carry out His promises to us.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Matthew 19:26

With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

Psalms 31:1-5

In you, O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness. Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me. For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me. Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

Father, forgive me when my faith is weak. I love You and believe that You are here with me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WORRY

Matthew 6:25-27, 34

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Psalm 55:22

Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

1 Peter 5:6-7, 10-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus, help me to always remember that nothing can separate me from Your love. Thank you for hearing my call for help. Amen.

COMFORT

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint me head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Romans 12:4-5

Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others.

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is close to those whose hearts are breaking and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 145:14, 18

The Lord lifts the fallen and those bent beneath their loads. He is close to all who call on Him sincerely.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Heavenly Father, help me to remember You are the God of all comfort, all compassion. Thank You for hearing my call for help. Amen.

COURAGE

Deuteronomy 31:6, 8

Be strong and courageous. The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you, He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Philippians 4:13

I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

Psalms 31:2-4

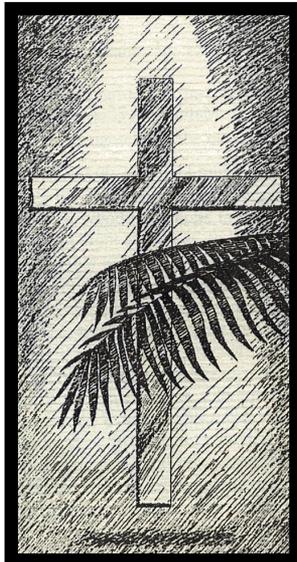
Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

Psalms 121:1-2

I will lift up my eyes to the hills - from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 55:22

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall.



ETERNITY

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.

2 Corinthians 5:18

All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

John 14:1-4, 6

[Jesus said,] Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going ...

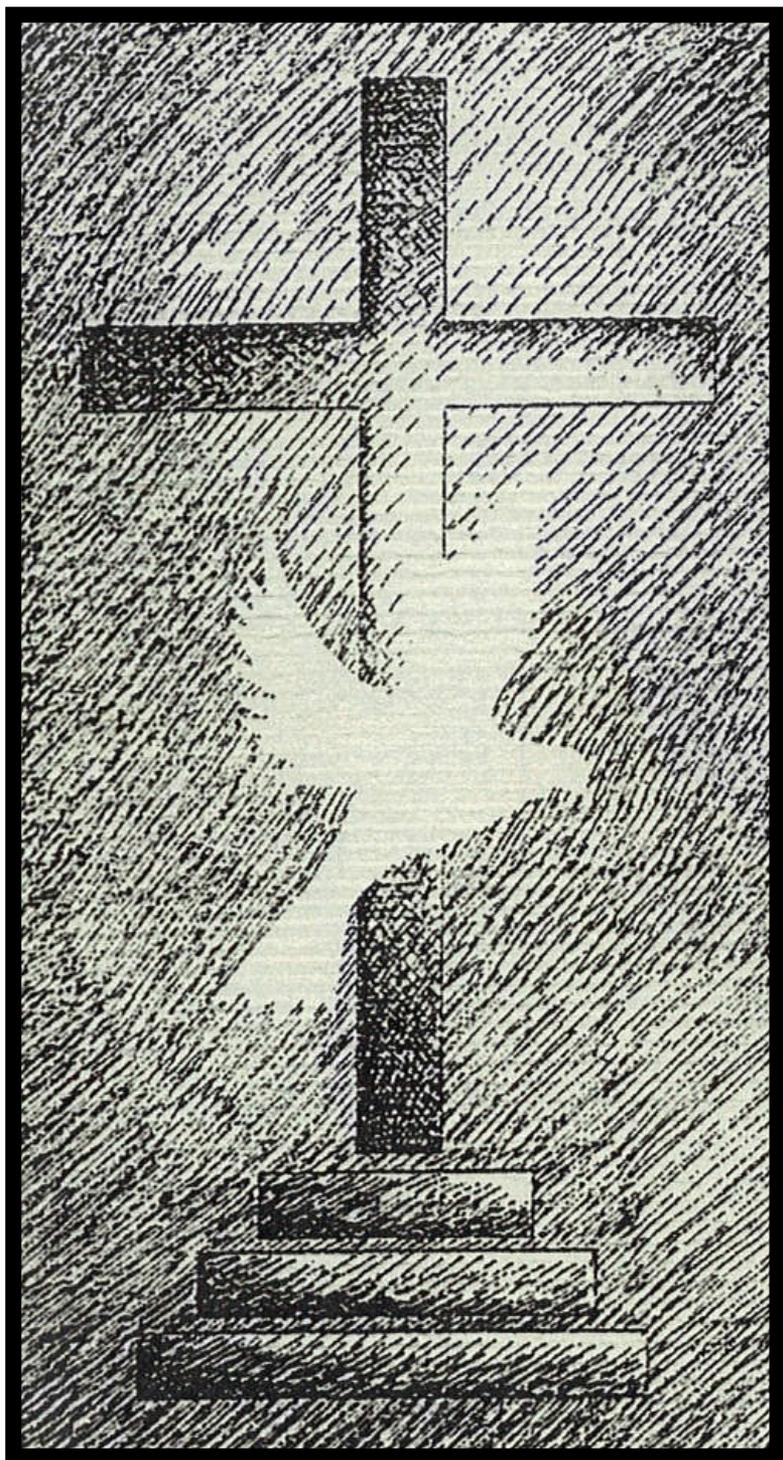
I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

Psalms 91:14-16

Because he loves me, says the Lord, I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him and show him my salvation.



**AND NOW TO HIM WHO CAN KEEP YOU ON YOUR FEET,
STANDING TALL IN HIS BRIGHT PRESENCE,
FRESH AND CELEBRATING - TO OUR GOD,
OUR ONLY SAVIOUR, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR MASTER,
BE GLORY, STRENGTH AND RULE BEFORE ALL TIME,
NOW AND TO THE END OF ALL TIME.
Yes!**

JUDE 1:24-25



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