

# 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 organization 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 sew one onto each quilt you give away. New members receive 70 of these labels, which can be customized with your group or church's information. You also receive an pdf file of information 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 chapter's use.

We periodically make free prayer quilt patterns available to our chapter members, as well as tips and tricks that we hope you will find useful.

## 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 most efficient method is to fill out the membership form and pay the fee online. You can find the form on our website here. If you prefer, you can fill out the form below 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.)**

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?**