



# BLESSING OF THE QUILTS FOR 2025 SENIORS

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## Blessing of the Quilts for Graduates

**(Bold text: Denotes text for All people: Graduates, Families & Community of Faith to say in unison.)**

Today we celebrate and pray for the youth from Bethlehem who will graduate from High School and the transition that these young people and their families are experiencing. We invite all family members, baptismal sponsors and mentors of the graduates to come forward for the laying on of hands and the presentation of the quilts of blessing.

### Prayers

On this important day, when we mark your continued journey of faith and bless you with the gift of a quilt, we ask God's blessing on you and on the whole people of God in Christ Jesus. Let us pray...

**Dear God of creation, we ask your blessing on these young people as they enter a new stage in their lives of faith. Bless them and grant them your gifts: joy as they live among your faithful people; openness in hearing your Word; thankfulness in sharing your supper; eagerness in sharing the Good News of Christ through their words and actions; dedication in serving all people following the example of the Lord Jesus; and a hunger for justice and peace.**

### Presentation of the Quilts

*Graduates are invited to kneel. Parents wrap their child in the quilt and lay hands on them to bless the graduate.*

Dear friends in Christ, there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe and comforted. Very soon you will

venture forth into a new life, away from the safety and security of this home, family, church, and community.

**As you go out into the world, may this quilt be a reminder of your parent's love and the nurture of this Christian community. Wherever you go, when the night is cold and you feel alone, may it help you remember that you are never alone.**

***Parents:** Child of God, child of mine, we come this day before God to bless you and thank the Creator for the gift you have been to us. You have given our lives a deeper meaning and a deeper calling. Through you, we have come to understand the nature of God's love of joy, and forgiveness. We thank God today for the gift that you have been to our lives. Wherever you go, you will always be a part of us. Wherever you go, our love goes with you. Whatever you do, you will always be a part of our hearts.*

*We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. May this quilt of blessing remind you of our love, the warmth of this faith community and the power of the Holy Spirit. And on those nights when we cannot wrap you in our arms, may you wrap yourself in this quilt and know that in God's family you are never alone.*

*(Graduates rise. Parents kneel. Graduates place hands on parents' shoulders to bless them by repeating these words.)*

***Graduates:** Mother/Father, you have given of your heart and of your home. You have loved and cared for me, even when it was difficult. I bless you this day for the sacrifice you made to give me life. I thank God this day for the power and selflessness of your love. I honor you for your courage, your patience, your wisdom, and your undying love. Wherever I go, you will always be a part of me. Wherever I go, your love and example will continue to bless me. Whatever I do, I will always be your child and I thank God for blessing my life with you. I bless you in Jesus' name.*

***Pastor:** Wherever you wander, no matter how dark the night, may the warmth of this quilt, the love of your parents, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy*

Spirit be with you now and forever. Go with God's blessing.

**Amen.**

Let us honor these families in this time of celebration and transition.



*Join us following worship to congratulate the Seniors, get some pictures, enjoy cake and fellowship.*



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