

## What is an agape letter?

*As sponsors, it can be awkward when we try to explain to someone what kind of letter we want them to write to our pilgrim. You may want to use the following example:*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ will be attending a "Walk to Emmaus". The "Walk to Emmaus" is a weekend of spiritual renewal with many beautiful gifts and surprises. One of the surprises is the "mail" that participants receive from their family and friends.

As her sponsor, I am responsible for contacting family and close friends and asking them to send a note or letter to \_\_\_\_\_ so that it will be received during the weekend. Since it will be a total surprise, I need your help in order to get the names and addresses of others who are special in her life. I have listed names on the back of this letter of people I am contacting. If you know of others who might like to write a letter, please let me know.

This letter is an opportunity for you to express your appreciation of \_\_\_\_\_ and what your relationship with her means to you. You may want to recall something that has been special to the two of you. **This letter of love will be read by \_\_\_\_\_ only and no one else.**

Please help make her "Walk" special by doing the following:

1. Write a letter to \_\_\_\_\_ and sign it.
2. Put the letter into an envelope and seal it.
3. **PRINT** her **FIRST and LAST name** (but not yours) on the envelope.
4. Put the envelope in a larger envelope and mail it to me before \_\_\_\_\_ so I can get it to the proper place on time. Tell me just a little about your relationship with her (family or friend).
5. Or send it to me at the E-mail address below.

This letter should be a complete surprise, so please help make it special by saying nothing until after the "Walk."

Please mail your letter to me at this address:

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Or send it to my E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for helping make this weekend special for \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

**Sponsor's:** *Another way to get names and addresses from your pilgrim is to say something like this -- "Prayer is an essential aspect of the Walk. Please, give me the names and addresses (E-mail, phone numbers) of at least 10 people you would like to pray for you during the weekend."*

*You may vary the number you request from the pilgrim based on how many letters you know you will be able to obtain locally. You may obtain as many letters as you like, but remember to mark **no more than 12 envelopes with an "F" in the upper left-hand corner.***