

SAMPLE LETTER TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS REQUESTING A PILGRIM LETTER

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Dear Friends,

I am sponsoring _____ for a spiritual renewal weekend called the "Walk to Emmaus." This weekend is not an actual physical walk, but rather a spiritual walk. The activities and events of the weekend are based on Luke 24:13-35, in which the disciples' eyes were opened to greater understanding as they walked on the Emmaus Road with Christ.

_____ will be attending Walk # ____ on _____.

One of the many ways God's love is demonstrated to those attending is through surprise Christian "love/friendship" letters from family members and friends. As his/her sponsor, I am responsible for contacting family and friends and asking them to write letters to _____, which will be given to him/her during the weekend. I ask that you not mention the letters to _____ until AFTER the walk. If you know of others that _____ would like to hear from, please pass this information on to them. I would be delighted to have a letter from anyone and everyone who would like to share in this special weekend.

Your letter, which will be read ONLY by _____, is an opportunity for you to express your appreciation and love for him/her and what your relationship has meant to you. You may want to recall an event or some special happening that you have shared together. It doesn't have to be long and it can be humorous or serious. Please DO NOT send gifts or money.....just a personal note from you.

The letters need to reach me NO LATER THAN _____. Please follow these steps:

1. Write the letter and sign it, put it in an envelope and seal it.
2. Write _____ name on the envelope, but not yours.
3. In the UPPER LEFT CORNER, please put (SP) if you are the spouse. (FAM) if you are a family member, or (FR) if you are a friend.
4. Then, place that envelope inside a larger envelope and mail it to me at the above address.

Please remember, it is important that the letters reach me no later than _____. Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you for taking the time to write this letter. I know from personal experience that these letters of love are one of the most wonderful parts of a very special weekend "walk with our Lord."

Sincerely,