

An Invitation to Pray



JFA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

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Dear Friend,

Recently, I made a commitment to our team to set aside fifteen minutes each morning to pray for my family, for each member of our staff, and for special help in accomplishing JFA's 2015 goals. While we need God's help to accomplish all of our events and projects, one goal in particular represents a challenge clearly beyond our abilities: *creating a new exhibit in 2015 which can draw 40-80 people to discuss abortion at any given moment during campus outreach events.*

My prayer commitment is in addition to the time of prayer our team already spends together at 1:30 CST each day. Although my fifteen additional minutes in prayer may not represent much time, this is what I judged to be feasible given my other responsibilities. I've asked each staff member to consider joining me in taking some additional time from their workdays to actively express our dependence on God. Given our level of activity this spring, well beyond the capabilities of our small team, it can appear that we don't have the time to spare. But we also know we must give prayer and dependence on God its proper place.



I'd like to ask you also to join us in setting aside some time to pray each day for JFA. I've written seven of my specific prayers on the reverse to provide a model for expressing your active dependence on God with us. Consider praying through all of the prayers each day (approximately 15 minutes). Or, place the list on your refrigerator (or in some other helpful place) and pray just one of the prayers each day of the week (1-2 minutes).

As you pray for us, please don't hesitate to email Catherine Wurts (Catherine@jfaweb.org) to ask our team to pray for you. You can also tell Catherine if you'd like to sign up to receive JFA's twice-monthly prayer team emails.

At times, it's been easy for some of us at JFA to fall into the temptation of thinking we can accomplish JFA's mission on our own strength. In contrast to this, we are purposefully entering into a state of utter dependence on God, imitating the utter dependence on the Father that Christ expressed throughout his life, but especially in his passion, death, and resurrection. We are not saviors of the world, to be sure, but we do have an important mission as Christ's followers, and we must continually practice dependence and trust. Projects clearly beyond our abilities help to remind us that we also need to depend on God for the things that appear to us to be easily within the scope of our abilities. We invite you to join us in depending on the One "who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think..." (Eph. 3:20)

Thank you for your financial support, your prayers, and for your ongoing concern for JFA's work.

Fixing our eyes on Christ,

Steve Wagner
Executive Director, JFA

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JUSTICE FOR ALL — TRAINING THOUSANDS TO MAKE ABORTION UNTHINKABLE FOR MILLIONS, ONE PERSON AT A TIME.

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Prayers for Justice For All

- **Father, thank you for your provision for JFA.** Thank you for financial support and an abundance of schools and churches who want JFA to train their people through Seat Work / Feet Work projects.
- **Father, thank you for students and adults JFA has trained and influenced recently.** Help them grow in their trust in you as you change hearts and minds through them. (1) Thank you for the 44 high school volunteers at JFA's recent ASU outreach, all but a few of whom committed to initiate a conversation about abortion in their everyday lives within a week. (2) Thank you for the 263 students and chaperones from the Lincoln area who participated in a two-hour workshop led by JFA trainers. (3) Thank you for others who have participated in JFA events in Kansas, Arizona, and Georgia.
- **Father, thank you for sustaining the JFA staff through a year filled with many changes.** (1) Thank you for the members of JFA's training staff, each of whom shoulder a full load that includes training, support-raising, and event-planning duties: *Paul Kulas, Tammy Cook, Jon Wagner, Catherine Wurts, Rebecca Haschke, Joanna Wagner, CK Wisner, Jordan Newhouse, Jeremy Gorr, Bubba Garrett, and Steve Wagner.* Give each of them great strength, endurance, and encouragement for the tasks of interacting with pro-choice advocates on campus and of mentoring pro-life advocates. Strengthen them in their roles as philosophers and defenders of the Christian worldview. Strengthen them to minister to hearts with listening ears and news of your forgiveness. Help each of them choose the most important tasks in order to produce JFA's events and grow as model ambassadors. (2) Thank you for JFA's office staff in Wichita: *Eva Heath, Jeremy Wheeler, Alexis Newhouse, and Angie DeWerff.* Give each of them encouragement and strength for the tasks that keep our mentors out in the field training more pro-life advocates.
- **Father, thank you for the JFA community of supporters and friends around the country.** We are actively depending on you to do a work through JFA that goes far beyond our abilities.
- **Father, thank you for creating every human being with intrinsic and inestimable worth.** Thank you for your love for the volunteers JFA is training, university students JFA is engaging in conversation, and unborn children in danger. Help us imitate you in your concern for every human being, born and unborn.
- **Father, help the JFA team complete each step necessary for producing each event in 2015.**
- **Father, we dedicate to you the project of completing JFA's new campus exhibit in 2015.** (1) The JFA Exhibit is now 15 years old, and we thank you for the work you have done through it to bring about many conversations, changed minds, and saved lives. While we are grateful that you continue to work through it, we believe that we also now need a new tool. (2) Please give fresh ideas and guidance to Steve and other JFA staff working to find a way to create interest and energy for discussing abortion among a culture addicted to entertainment, skeptical about moral knowledge, and inclined to avoid the abortion topic. (3) Help JFA to create an exhibit tool that will consistently draw 40-80 college students to engage volunteers in dialogue at any given moment on campus. Our volunteers need easy conversation starters. Help JFA to assist them through this new exhibit. (4) We recognize, Father, that helping an entertainment culture take abortion seriously on a large scale is a tall order, well beyond our abilities. But it is well within *your* abilities. Please work through our meager efforts to save the lives of many children and turn many hearts towards you.

