

The Longest Love Letter

The longest – and simplest – love letter ever written was the work of a Parisian painter named Marcel de Leclure in 1875.

The addressee was Magdalene de Villalore, his aristocratic light of love.

The missive contained the phrase *je vous aime* (I love you) 1,875,000 times – a thousand times the calendar years of the date.

The prodigious lover did not pen the letter with his own hand. He hired a scribe. A lazy fellow could have instructed the secretary: “Write the amatory sentence 1,875,000 times.” But Leclure was too entranced with the sound of the three words.

He dictated it, word for word, and had the hired man repeat it verbatim. All in all, therefore, the phrase was uttered orally and in writing 5,625,000 times before it reached its destination.



What a remarkable demonstration of love of a man for a woman. But love isn't just for romantic couples. It's something God wants us to do every day – to love others as He loves us.

God demonstrated His love for us in an amazing way. Look what the Creator of the universe did: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

That promise is contained in God's love letter to us – the *Holy Bible*. From cover to cover, it is a story of our Maker's relentless love for us.

You don't have to write “I love you” thousands of times in a letter; there are other ways that you can show your love to God. Opportunities come before us every day to show kindness to our residents and their families, fellow associates, and even strangers.

Love never fails (1 Corinthians 13:8).

– Beecher Hunter