



## Season of Prayer FOR JACK PHILLIPS

**J**ack Phillips is a cake artist. He is also a husband, father, and grandfather. But first and foremost, Jack is a child of God. And Jack's relationship with Jesus Christ impacts every area of his life, including his work at Masterpiece Cakeshop.

When two men entered Jack's shop and asked him to design a wedding cake for their same-sex marriage, Jack's response was guided by three very basic principles:

- 1) All people are created in God's image;
- 2) God gave Jack his artistic talents to use for His glory, and he cannot use them to express a message or celebrate something that violates God's teachings; and
- 3) God designed marriage as a lifelong union of one man and one woman.

Because of these truths, Jack knew he could not design a custom cake to serve as the centerpiece for a same-sex wedding. But he also knew that God loves all people. So Jack told the couple that he would gladly sell them anything else in his store or create a cake for them for another occasion. This is also how he has approached other cakes he's declined the opportunity to make, such as cakes celebrating Halloween and divorce, cakes that disparage people, and cakes with anti-family and lewd themes.

Jack's decision not to design other cakes never caused a problem until he declined a custom same-sex wedding cake. But his decision to live by his conscience and honor God's design for marriage has cost him dearly. He's received death threats and been the target of hateful verbal attacks. He's been effectively forced out of the wedding industry, which has cost him approximately 40 percent of his business and left him struggling to keep his family business afloat.

On December 5, the U.S. Supreme Court case will hear Jack's case. Jack is asking the Court to rule that the government oversteps its authority when it compels artists to celebrate events and express ideas that violate their convictions. The stakes are high. If Jack is forced to create custom artwork that celebrates events in conflict with his core convictions, others will be similarly compelled to create various forms of expression that violate their conscience. But the First Amendment promises that we all are free to peacefully live and work consistently with our religious beliefs. Jack is asking that these cherished freedoms be preserved—not only for him, but for everyone.

During the next month, please join us in praying for Jack and his family, for the attorneys involved in the case, for the Supreme Court justices, and for our nation. ADF is defending Jack in the courtroom, but the implications extend beyond the steps of the nation's high court. The Court's ruling could have lasting repercussions for all Americans.

*Week of November 6, 2017*

**Prayer for Jack Phillips and his family**

This case has not only profoundly impacted Jack, it has also changed the lives of his loved ones. This week, join us in asking God to physically protect Jack and his family, to grant them peace, to give them wisdom and favor, and to strengthen their steps even as He lifts them up.

*Week of November 13, 2017*

**Prayer for the U.S. Supreme Court justices**

The nine justices of the Supreme Court will not only determine the fate of Jack's shop and his artistic and religious freedom, they will issue a ruling that has the potential to impact a generation's understanding of the First Amendment and the freedoms it protects. This week, pray for Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., and Associate Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer, Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Sonia Sotomayor, Neil Gorsuch, and Elena Kagan.

*Week of November 20, 2017*

**Prayer for those who misunderstand and oppose religious freedom and artistic expression**

Broadly speaking, those who oppose Jack, and who seek to use the government to compel artistic expression, believe that they are acting to advance the cause of justice. They often speak of standing on the right side of history. This week, join us in praying for those who oppose Jack. Ask God to help them understand that there is value in ensuring freedom for everyone, even those with whom we disagree, and that religion and religious freedom benefits society. Grant us humility, even as He equips us to speak words of grace and truth.

*Week of November 27, 2017*

**Prayer for the ADF legal team representing Jack at the Supreme Court**

Several ADF attorneys have stood with Jack over the past five years, investing in his case and also in his life. Attorneys Jeremy Tedesco and Nicolle Martin have spent countless hours helping Jack over the years. Jim Campbell has played a primary role in preparing the legal briefs before the Supreme Court. And ADF Senior Counsel Kristen Waggoner will argue Jack's case before the Supreme Court on December 5. The United States Solicitor General, Noel Francisco, will also argue on behalf of the United States in support of Jack. As oral arguments approach, join us in praying that God would grant wisdom to Jack's legal team as they finalize preparations, and as they prepare to stand for Jack at the U.S. Supreme Court.

*Week of December 4, 2017*

**Prayer for oral arguments on December 5**

On Tuesday, December 5, Jack Phillips' case will be heard before the U.S. Supreme Court. As ADF Senior Counsel Kristen Waggoner stands before the Court, we will be standing outside the Court, rallying in support of #JusticeForJack as the oral arguments take place inside. The rally will be livestreamed on Facebook, and we encourage you to join us virtually. We also ask that you would continue to pray for Jack and his family, his legal team, Solicitor General Francisco, the justices, and our nation.