

**Artist Statement — 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons**

Artist Name: JESUS Loves You (JLY)

I started drawing the Engine with a No. 2 pencil and something popped into my head,  
Why don't you color the back ground because I've never seen something like that before  
so I decided to do just that. I hope when other people look at this piece they think  
that it's different. As an innocent man that's been locked up for over 10 years for  
something that never even happened. I just want to learn new things and be able to  
share with others what I've done. This is my first piece so please don't be too harsh  
on me, as I'm just trying to hopefully put a smile on someone's face. Just know that  
JESUS loves you, I love you, and that's just the way it's going to be!!!