

PRAYER FOR LOWE

PRAYER LETTER - FEBRUARY
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[Give] thanks always and
for everything to God
the Father in the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Ephesians 5:20)



Each day you may wish to use the prayer of thanksgiving, together with one of the five prayer sections.

A prayer of thanksgiving

Most merciful Father, we thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



1 Lowe

Almighty God, you are the author and giver of all good things. We thank you and worship you for our church:

- for the people of prayer and vision who planted Lowe
- for preachers and teachers of your word to young and old
- for musicians who lead praise to you
- for those who use their practical and administrative skills in your service
- for all who have shown your loving-kindness to others

May Lowe continue to be a community and a place of worship, praise and thanksgiving for this and future generations, sharing the good news of the gospel and living it out in many different ways. We ask this knowing that you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve.

2 Our Country

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have sent us your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth. Have mercy on our country at a time when a spirit of error, lies, hypocrisy and obfuscation seems so evident in some senior political and royal circles. Grant us good government with wise leaders. We pray:

Restore, Oh Lord,
The honour of your name,
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again;
That men may see
And come with reverent fear
To the Living God,
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years. (Graham Kendrick)






3 Open Doors: Nigeria

We thank you Lord for the great religious freedom we have in the UK. We pray for an end to the terrible persecution of Christians in Nigeria where last year some 5,000 were martyred and almost 4,000 abducted. Forgive us when we are forgetful of the threats being faced by our fellow believers. Father, defend your children in Nigeria. We ask for effective protection by the security forces and pray against the Islamist presence behind most of the violence. We pray particularly for the safety of the orphanages which have direct contacts with Lowe.

Heavenly Father, we continue to thank you for the wonderful answer last month to prayer when the Irish authorities finally recognised Angel as Gail and Godwin's adopted daughter giving her the right to an Irish passport. Great is your faithfulness. We also ask that you will keep the family safe from all harm.

4 Climate change

Lord of all creation, we thank you for our beautiful, fertile and well-watered land with its temperate climate and rich flora and fauna. Grow our understanding of how we must look after the environment and forgive us where we have not valued and cared for it as we should. We thank you for our prosperity and the comfort of living in a wealthy country. Help us to accept and act on the uncomfortable need for us to change aspects of how we live. Keep us mindful of the enormous scale of the threat of global warming and its effects on many of the poorest people on the planet. We lament the limited undertakings by international governments made at the COP 26 conference. Knowing that you can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, we continue to ask that people, businesses and governments around the world prioritise climate action and justice. Enable us to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with you, our God.





5 Our World

Loving Heavenly Father, we thank you for the great measure of peace and stability enjoyed in the Western world and here at home. We gratefully acknowledge your answer to many prayers in bringing our Troubles to an end. We pray that diplomacy will prevail in the complex and very threatening situation in the Ukraine and ask that armed conflict can be avoided. Help the politicians, diplomats and many advisors to find ways to de-escalate a dangerous situation and avert military combat.

Lord, remember the people of Tonga in the aftermath of the huge volcanic explosion. Bless the local population as they work to recover from extensive damage to homes, land, livestock and livelihoods. Keep them safe from Covid-19 infection as international personnel bring relief supplies of food, drinking water, generators and hygiene kits.

