

# *PRAYER FOR LOWE*

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But the one who  
endures to the end will  
be saved.  
(Matthew 24:13)



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

A devotional prayer

Christ, as a light  
illumine and guide me.

Christ, as a shield  
overshadow me.

Christ under me;

Christ over me;

Christ beside me

on my left and my right.

This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

(Source: Northumbria Community)




## **1 Lowe**

Loving Heavenly Father, we thank you for James' 18 years of faithful ministry at Lowe when he has helped us to be more outward looking and aware of the need for change. Bless him as he prepares to take up the challenging role of principal and CEO of the Belfast Bible College. May the College prosper and develop under his leadership as it provides theological education for disciples from across all denominations. We pray for James and Hazel as they get ready to move home, that they will easily find suitable accommodation. Give wisdom, grace and energy to all on session as they plan for the vacancy; we pray for a special blessing and enabling for Moyna. Help us as a congregation to actively encourage and support Julie, Mel, Josh and Bobby in this time of change.

## **2 Living with COVID-19**

Lord, we thank you for all that the NHS and vaccine developments have achieved in the past two years to control the pandemic in the UK. We are grateful that the still high rates of transmission are not translating into high rates of hospitalisation and death. As the government adopts the 'Living with COVID-19' strategy, we pray for the heavy ongoing pressures on hospitals, GPs and social care staff, and for those on lengthy waiting lists for needed treatment. We pray for those suffering mental health problems as a result of the pandemic and for teachers and pupils trying to make up for months of lost education. May rich countries, where vaccination rates have been at least 10 times more than in poorer countries, share vaccines and medicines with these less fortunate nations.






### **3 Missionaries and Associates**

We give thanks, our Father, for the faith of José (son of Zulma) and his wife Sarah Caicedo, serving you in the Good News (La Buena Nuova) church in Valencia, Spain and in its church plant in Picassent. Thank you for your work in the lives of people in both places. We pray for guidance for the small Picassent church, as decisions have soon to be made about its future. Please guide José and Sarah themselves, and help them discern your will for their next step. Meantime, continue to bless their pastoral and evangelistic work and help José to continue to preach clearly and faithfully. Please provide them with sufficient financial support or more opportunities for paid translation work. We pray your blessing on their mothers' health, particularly that you would heal Renée's vertigo.

We also ask great blessing on your servant Leah Rankin, travelling to Hawaii for more training with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) followed by several months of outreach, using her training in teaching and evangelism. Grant her safe travel, good health and friendships, delight in her studies and a deepening relationship with you.

### **4 Ukraine**

God of peace, we long for a complete end to military operations in Ukraine, for reconciliation and for a lasting peace. We pray especially for children who are suffering in the crisis. We ask for wisdom for all leaders involved, careful use of their words and a positive outcome to negotiations. Comfort the numerous bereaved and injured people, those who have lost homes and livelihoods and those who have been internally displaced or who have become international refugees. Bless all those trying to bring help in whatever form they can, and especially the Christians among them. Guide our session as they consider how Lowe can help in this crisis.





## 5 Nigeria: Persecution of Christians

Dear God, please intervene to thwart and halt the activities of extremist groups and armed bandits in Nigeria. Protect Christians and churches from attack, and pour Your peace into fearful hearts. Heal all those traumatised by attacks. Give Your children strength to hold on to You, despite suffering: may they tangibly feel Your presence with them. Equip and empower believers in their response to persecution. Stir the government and security forces to do more to protect Christians. Amen.

(Based on a prayer from Open Doors, 2022)

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Rev. Istifanus, sheltering 35 survivors of an attack on nearby villages on 22nd March. All have lost their homes and some have lost family members. Continue to protect the orphanage and its compound, and grant the children, young people and staff Your amazing peace. Amen

