

The Creator's Gift Of Electricity

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Father, You know the very place where the winds begin, and it is only when You send those winds, that we have wind power. Thank you for the wind.

And it is only when You send the rains, that we have hydropower. Thank you for the rains.

You cause the Earth to rotate, giving us the sunrises and sunsets. This sun You have created gives us solar power in the hours You have set. Thank You for the power generated by Your sun.

You placed the coal in the ground and coal has been used even in the days of Moses as a source of fuel. Thank You for the coal we use.

You placed the gas in the ground for us to use for heat and electricity. Thank You for the gas that heat our homes and turns on our generators.

Father, it was Your lightning that taught us the very use of electricity, and all the benefits that come from its use. Thank You for that knowledge.

Father, You created the CO₂ to bathe the plants with life. And the more CO₂ we have, the more our crops flourish to feed a hungry world.

Forgive us when we boast that somehow we can influence the hurricanes, tornadoes, storms and floods. Forgive our foolishness. Father, we acknowledge that You are in charge of the weather – not us. We use the fuels that You gave us to create and distribute electricity. But the source of all this power is You – not man.

Some fear that by using coal and gas, that we will somehow create a worldwide flood. But you tell us in the Book of Job that You are the One who says to the seas, *"This far you may come and no farther."* And You have given us a rainbow as a pledge that never again will a worldwide flood happen.

Father, You have offered wisdom to those who ask, and without finding fault, that wisdom will be given freely, and so we do ask, knowing that You and You only are the source of all wisdom. We pray for wisdom for Caleb, his staff, and this board, and all cooperatives across this land.

Give us the courage and the boldness to stand in the gap with truth about what is required for reliable power. No one talks about that. Let us be the ones.

And let us be the ones to defend the poor concerning affordable power. No one talks about what the cost would be, if we quit using Your coal and gas. Father, for the sake of the poor, please help us to warn our nation of the cost and reliability issues that we face.

In Jesus' Name, we pray.

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