



"I want to say a big 'Thank you' today Lord for giving us electricity. I do not know how it works but, I see all sorts of ways in which it can be used. It is wonderful how you have given people the brains to think about such things.



I thank you God for electric cookers. It is so much better to be able to fry breakfast on a cooker than trying to manage on those old ovens and hobs at the side of the fire, sometimes even having to place the frying pan on the fire itself. Toasting too is much better Lord under the grill or in an electric toaster. There have been many times when my slice of bread has fallen into the fire or ended up half burnt or tasting all smoky.



Washing day. What a struggle it is Lord without electricity – such hard work. Having to wash in the building across the yard in all sorts of weather is not at all nice. My old dolly pegs must have been turned thousands of times over the years as I have washed the clothes for my husband and eight children. That mangle with those great thick wooden rollers really makes my arms ache and it is a nightmare when the clothes bunch up and will not go through the mangle. I am so grateful God that you have given us these modern electric washing machines – Just put your washing in, press a few buttons and then stand and watch as the clothes swish round and the soapy bubbles creep up the glass door. You really do cater for our every need Lord and I am sorry if I sometimes take for granted the things that you have given to us.



I have to bake this afternoon. It is amazing Lord that you knew about electric food mixers even before you created Adam and Eve! We know that it says in your word that you were there from the beginning but, it is very difficult for us to think of a beginning before you created anything – let alone know about electric washers and food mixers!



I suppose that many folk sit and watch television in the evenings. My word, that is something that has definitely altered our world Lord. It is unbelievable for us to be able to sit in our living rooms and look at what other people are doing who live the other side of our world. They are so life-like, just as if they are standing in front of us, yet all we actually have is a box full of wires! Thank you God for the people who put all of those wires in the right places and for the electricians who see that we have decent pictures on the screen instead of lots of squiggly lines.



I usually do some ironing in the evenings. The norm would be to have two irons so that one is heating up by the fire whilst the other is being used. When the iron is taken off the fire to use, watching the spittle roll off the surface of the iron will show if the



iron is hot enough or not. No spittle required for these modern electric irons; plug them in and wait for the red light to go out and they are ready to use. You can even turn the knob on them to make them cooler. Brilliant! Thank you so much God for electric irons; a real blessing when there is a pile of ironing waiting to be done.



As it goes dusk we are able to press one finger on a switch on the wall and, hey presto, the light comes on! You are so good Lord in providing us with electricity that has changed our lives so much. I think about my father who used to get so annoyed with the smelly paraffin lamp that was our only light in the living room. If the wick was not quite right then the glass would cover in smoke and the light could hardly be seen. The lamp



also had to be placed high up on the dresser out of reach of the younger children so it was often too far away to be of any benefit in trying to read or do any close work. What about bedtime? For us children I am afraid that it was a matter of getting undressed in the dark. It is useful to have a light when putting your clothes **on**, but, you do not need a light to take your clothes **off** do you!

I wonder how electricity goes along the wires between the telegraph poles?

I wonder how the same thing that gives light to one little bulb on the ceiling can also give so much power in factories full of machinery?

I wonder how something that we cannot even see is used in so many aspects of our lives?

I wonder how we would go on if there was a massive power cut and we had no electricity for a month? I am afraid that we would have no dolly pegs, mangles, old irons or paraffin lamps available to use in such an emergency.

Well, time for bed. It has been lovely to talk to you today Lord and to thank you for the electricity that powers all of our modern equipment and makes our lives so much easier. It is a real shame that I have no electricity in **my** house. Never mind, I will blow out my candle and get off to sleep. Amen.”

