

# The Lakeside



## Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday February 10, 2025 - John 13: 34

**34** *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*”

Read John 13 for meditation and inspiration.



Dear Lakesiders and friends,

There is a relatively new popular hymn “Open the Eyes of my Heart” by Michael J. Smith and it goes like this:

Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
Shinin' in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

The great scientist, Isaac Newton, was a man rooted in prayer, which is to say, rooted in God. He once said: "I can take my telescope and look millions and millions of miles into space. But I can set it aside and go into my room, shut the door, get down on my knees and see more of heaven and get closer to God than I can be assisted by all the telescopes and material things on earth."

Jesus Christ has been given to us as the ultimate, supreme sign that God is with us always. Jesus is with us here. Jesus is with us now. Jesus is in our midst. He is just that close to us. And if we're not feeling it, it's a sure sign that we need to rearrange our priorities and set aside time for solitude, time for silence -- time for prayer -- time to listen for the Voice of God. Please give God your attention and then your heart. And ask that God might “Open the eyes of **Your** heart, that you might see **Him**.”

For eyes to see and ears to hear Your Heavenly Father,

In His love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger".

Roger

