

# WRITE TO THE PRIME MINISTER

## YOUR STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Follow this 4-step guide and call on the UK government to reboot the economy in a way that prioritises the poorest, tackles the climate emergency and builds a better world for everyone. We've provided an example letter below for ideas and inspiration, and a template for you to print out and use if you'd like to.

If you have children, why not involve them by exploring what they hope the future will be like too? You could help them write a letter or draw a picture explaining their ideas for a better world.



### STEP 1: REFLECT AND IMAGINE

Before you start writing, use the questions below to reflect on the last few months and imagine how the future could be. If you're doing this with children, friends or family, then discuss these questions together.

**REFLECT:** How has your world changed during lockdown – for good and bad? What have you learnt about the world during this time?

**IMAGINE:** What lessons or good things from this time do you hope to hold onto? In what ways do you hope the world will be different after this crisis?



### STEP 2: PRAY

This isn't just a letter. Your piece of paper will carry your story and reach the heart of the UK government. So take some time to ask God to use this small offering for BIG change.



### STEP 3: WRITE

Share your hopes for a fairer, more sustainable future and ask the Prime Minister to meet our '5 steps for a better world' too. We've written an example letter below and labelled all the parts you might like to include.

#### KEY THINGS TO COVER:

- some of your answers to the *Reflect and Imagine* questions.
- the 5 steps the UK government need to take, to help people living in poverty and tackle the climate crisis (see the example letter below).
- your name and address on the bottom, and maybe your age too.



### STEP 4: SHARE

Decorate your letter if you'd like to, perhaps adding pictures of how you envisage a better future. Then take a photo of it and share it with us and on social media.

You can email your photo to [campaigns@tearfund.org](mailto:campaigns@tearfund.org), tweet it tagging [@TearfundAct](https://twitter.com/TearfundAct) or share it with our Facebook community in the [Tearfund Campaigners group](#). We can't wait to see your letters!

Finally, post your letter to:

**The Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA**

Want to do more? Invite friends and family to write letters and head back to our website to check out our other resources to prompt discussion and reflection: [www.tearfund.org/reboot](http://www.tearfund.org/reboot)

*Thank you! You're brilliant*



# EXAMPLE LETTER

## PART 1

Introduce yourself: who are you and why are you writing?

Dear Prime Minister

I am currently working at home, sharing my kitchen-cum-office with three others in a shared flat. It's a cosy space but we're making it work. In the midst of the global struggle and grief, I believe there is an opportunity for change and that's why I'm writing to you today.

## PART 2

Include some of your own answers to the REFLECT questions:

It's been so encouraging to see communities coming together all around the country. On my street we're cheering the NHS every Thursday and supporting one another with a community WhatsApp group. We've been coming together like never before.

## PART 3

Ask the PM to prioritise people living in poverty globally:

I'm a supporter of Tearfund and have been praying for people in refugee camps and without clean water to wash their hands. It's vital that we as a country step up as global leaders and help everyone who needs us at this time.

## PART 4

Use your own answers to the IMAGINE questions:

I hope that in the future we can keep the quieter streets and cleaner air, and stay connected to our neighbours. This is such an opportunity to choose a new direction – one where we tackle the climate crisis and love our neighbours here and around the world.

## PART 5

Ask him to follow our 5 steps to a better future:

In your response to this crisis, and the recovery afterwards, please follow the 5 steps Tearfund are calling for. These are so important for building a better future and supporting those in poverty globally:

The 5 steps are:

1. **RESPOND:** Share vaccines and resources with the poorest countries so we fight the pandemic together.
2. **RESET:** Cancel all developing country debt payments due in 2020 and 2021 and release emergency funding to help them respond to the crisis.
3. **RECOGNISE:** Acknowledge the key role that faith communities, including churches, in low- and middle-income countries have to play in responding and building a better future, and include them in development plans.
4. **RECOVER:** Act globally to make sure the recovery in developing countries creates a better world for people in poverty, including by supporting small businesses, clamping down on tax loopholes and being aligned with climate agreements.
5. **RENEW:** Working alongside the devolved nations, make sure the economic reboot in the UK tackles the climate crisis and creates good jobs for the unemployed.

## PART 6

Sign the letter, including your name, address and maybe your age.

Yours sincerely  
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