



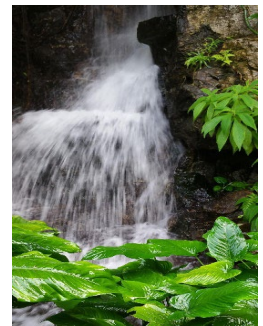
Care for Our COMMON EARTH HOME

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World Water Day Prayer Service March 22, 2022

Introduction

Without water, we would die. Water is essential for life on earth, not just human life but all life. Water is needed for drinking, cleaning, washing and making crops grow. There is no substitute for this precious resource. And yet we waste it, we pollute it and we even commodify it! Let's start anew and begin by thanking our Creator for the gift of water.



Prayer

Praise be You, Creator, through Sister Water who is useful, humble, precious and pure. We praise and thank You, for the gift of living water. Guide us to use it wisely, learn from its humility, consume it sparingly and protect its purity, so that with St. Francis, we may truly enjoy water.

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Living Water/Agua Viva

Colleen Fulmer, Her Wings Unfurled, Track Twenty. Song (c) <https://youtu.be/E4VrlAmNSdM>

Come, you hungry, come, you thirsty;
Drink living water, come to the well.

*Vengan, los pobres, vengan los humildes;
Tomen agua viva, vengan a mí.*

Come, you weary, bring your burdens;
Drink living water, come to the well.

*Vengan, heridos, vengan sufridos;
Tomen agua viva, vengan a mí.*

Come, rejected, come, abandoned;
Drink living water, come to the well.

*Vengan, las viudas, traigan a sus niños;
Tomen agua viva, vengan a mí.*

Come, you empty, come you barren;
Drink living water, come to the well

*Vengan al pozo, vengan a mi corazón;
Tomen agua viva, vengan a mí.*

Reading

We are made of water: Salty rivers run in our veins, lymph ebbs and swells, saliva and tears leak into the air and dry. We are always changing: wide seas into clouds, rain into puddles, rivers into muddy fields that run along ditches into the sea. We flow, freeze, boil, rise, disperse, are hurled this way and that. We declare that we are the blue edge of glaciers, the great ocean swell, stagnant teeming ponds, months long tropical downpours, the delicate tracery of frost on a dry leaf, rusty drip of a faucet. We are the shape of what's happened to us. We are caught up in doing, and whirl through our lives, suffering, joyful, filled with doubt. And yet we return to ourselves again and again, to the Self that is all there is. We are made of water.

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Reflection Time

The Litany of Water

Wisdom Sophia, the Source of Life, blesses creation with water. Let us remember the presence of the Creator Spirit as we pray: "*Blessed are you, Source of Life.*"

Living Water, River of Mercy, Source of Life, Your spirit moves over the waters at creation	<i>Blessed are you, Source of Life.</i>
You form new life in the waters of the womb.	<i>Blessed are you, Source of Life.</i>
You renew Earth with winter snows and spring rains.	<i>Blessed are you, Source of Life.</i>
You dance your people through water to promised lands.	<i>Blessed are you, Source of Life.</i>
You weep with us over the violence creation experiences from abusers.	<i>Blessed are you, Source of Life.</i>
You water our gardens to bring forth food.	<i>Blessed are you, Source of Life.</i>
You give us water to wash our hands and cleanse our wounds.	<i>Blessed are you, Source of Life.</i>
You quench our thirst and refresh our weariness.	<i>Blessed are you, Source of Life.</i>
Be for us always a river of hope springing up in the midst of the deserts of despair.	<i>Blessed are you, Source of Life. Amen. May it be so.</i>

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Wade In The Water

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Wade in the water
Wade in the water, Children
Wade in the water
God said, He's gonna trouble the water.

We are the sons and the daughters
We gotta stand up and make it loud
Just like our God told the Pharoah
"Let my people go".
We are the new generation
from the ones who have gone before
He's calling us into Freedom, Let my people go.

Closing Prayer

Let us sign ourselves as we pray.
In the name of God who is gracious Creator,
Jesus who is Eternal Word, and
Spirit who is Wellspring of Wisdom. Amen.

—Joan Brown, OSF



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