

A Reflection and Prayer Intentions for World Water Day

REFLECTION:

Gail Ramshaw points out in her book [Treasures Old and New](#), that water also functions as a symbol of one another in the church. Filled with the Spirit, we nourish one another. "We are a cup of water for one another ... Christ the water, incarnating God's water of creation, flows continuously in the Spirit, who waters the believers, who themselves become the spring of living water in the world."

(Source: Jenny Gallo, Carrot Top Studio email)

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Lord Jesus Christ, You call all who are thirsty to come to you and drink from the fresh and living water that flows from your heart. Yet many live in dry and thirsty lands, drink from polluted streams and struggle for access to safe drinking water.

Have mercy on them O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,

Forgive our selfish and unthinking actions that have stripped forests, polluted wells and caused toxic waste to enter the water systems.

Have mercy on us O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, We thank you, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

Have mercy on us O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, We commit ourselves to value and care for your gifts to us. May rivers of living water flow from us with compassion and caring to all who suffer from thirst and pollution.

Have mercy on them O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, We thank you, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with you in your death. By it we share in your resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit

Have mercy on us O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,

Refreshed by your spirit, and following in your footsteps, may we continue to serve you provide cups of cold and refreshing water for the people and creation entrusted to our care.

Have mercy on all of us Lord

And fill us with the waters of life.

Amen

(Source:Christine Sine, [Godspace](#))