## Water Justice

## **Prayers of intercession**

for Creation Time 2013



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Clouds, oceans, seas, rivers, lakes and waterfalls are your sacred gifts of life and beauty to us, O God; teach us how to use and preserve the waters of our planet.

Creator God, hear us we pray, Give us your love for the whole of Creation.

Rain down your Spirit upon the waters of our earth; and upon those responsible for decisions concerning their purity and availability. **Creator God, hear us we pray,** 

Give us your love for the whole of creation.

Nourishing God, may all the peoples and creatures of this earth have the water they need to live their lives fully.

Help us to solve the problems of drought, flooding, sanitation and disease so that all may share in the banquet and none be in want.

Creator God, hear us we pray,

Give us your love for the whole of Creation.

Creator God, you are the source of living water.

We confess our inadequate ways of dealing with the world's water.

Free us from our misuse and waste of this precious gift, and forgive us.

Creator God, hear us we pray,

Give us your love for the whole of Creation.

Creator God, your Son Jesus made this planet His home.

Enlighten your people to discover creative ways to provide enough clean water for all peoples and all that lives and grows.

Creator God, hear us we pray,

Give us your love for the whole of creation.

God of life-giving waters, God of all those who carry water for miles, God of those whose only supply is contaminated, God of those lacking good sanitation, may water, clean and life-giving, be available to every living creature. Creator God, hear us we pray, Give us your love for the whole of creation.

Compassionate God, forgive your people for their wasting, pollution, commodification and privatization of water.

Creator God, hear us we pray, Give us your love for the whole of creation.

Compassionate God, we pray for perseverance and courage for individuals, communities, agencies and organizations throughout the world working for water justice.

May we be generous in supporting them,

Creator God, hear us we pray,

Give us your love for the whole of Creation.

Creator God, for thousands of years we, your people, have co-operated with your creative power at work in the waters of our world to bring forth food for the nourishment of all.

Help us to continue to respect these generous waters and their natural processes. We join in praise of the Divine Love that holds all in cosmic communion.

Creator God, hear us we pray,

Give us you love for the whole of creation.

## **Concluding prayer**

Lord we pray for your Church throughout the world especially in its mission to promote justice, peace and the integrity of Creation. May we work to transform unjust structures in the provision of clean water and good sanitation. Bring churches together to work in unity so that clean water will be available to people and all creatures for today and for future generations. **Amen.** 

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