

Prayers of the People (16th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19, Year A, 9-13-2026, Creation 1)

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In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. The water that God called into being is at the heart of all that lives. Mindful of the many ways water affects our lives, let us pray for our waters and for the life of the world around us, saying: Creator God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all people of faith, and for the transformations in their lives that are marked by sacred rivers and the sacredness of water. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa (AUW-teo-RO-wa), New Zealand and Polynesia. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego and for Executive Council, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, and all Diocesan Committees and Ministries. In the Military Cycle of prayer, we pray for 12 Marine Corps District Recruiting Command. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for rich nations and financial institutions of the global north, that they forgive crushing debts of communities in the global south who face the worst of a climate crisis primarily created by the north. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders, corporations and communities around the world, that they exercise wise stewardship over the waters of their lands, so that all may have clean water and live free from waterborne illnesses. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for wisdom to shape peaceful and creative solutions to conflicts over water and waterway access in strategic and dry places of our planet. Creator God, **hear our prayer.** **OVER...**

We pray for oceans and seas, for rivers and streams, for lakes and ponds, for watersheds, marshes, and swamps, for the waters beneath the ground; and for all creatures that live in and around the waters of the earth. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves, open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to respond to the water needs of those close and those faraway, that we respond in love to the needs we encounter and to the crises that occur. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all afflicted with too much water in flood, hurricane or tsunami, storm, wind or ice; and for those people and creatures who suffer as glaciers and ice floes melt and shrink. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy. May we all remember that whether we live or die, we are yours, O God. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

I invite your own prayers of petition and thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.....[**10 seconds of *sustained* silence, please count in your head, 1001, 1002...1010**]... Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant:

Creating God, your name is written on every leaf,
every bird, every river, every stone, every living being.
We praise and worship you for the magnificence of your creation.
Hear our prayers and make us attentive to the wounds of the
earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.