

Four weeks of Prayer from Water Day to Earth Day

We invite you to use the prayers for Water Day and Earth Day, and throughout the four weeks, to use the prayer intention for that week. You may also choose to do a solidarity way of the cross from a partner organization (IPJC or D&P)

Week 1- Peru and the Global South (March 22 to March 31)

Let us pray that in South America, especially in Peru and Brazil, that developers and governments heed environmental impact studies as they plan their many projects to divert water from areas of abundance to those of water scarcity. We pray also that they discontinue deforestation of the rainforest, which has caused severe drought in many areas.

Week 2-Canada (April 1 to April 7)

Let us pray that by collaboratively working together: the First Nations, the Canadian federal government, the provincial governments, the municipalities and other agencies; we can move away from a long standing do-not-consume order or a boil-water advisory and move towards reclaiming the natural resource of water on each and every reserve in Canada.

Week 3- United States (April 8 to April 14)

Let us pray for environmental justice for our Native American brothers and sisters for whom water is essential for their subsistence and cultural practices. Let us pray especially for our Native Americans where their tribal waters have been polluted with groundwater contamination and wastewater management problems impacting the Apsaalooke Nation in Montana. Let us pray for the Navajo Nation in Arizona suffering from the impact of uranium mining, causing polluted water and disease.

Week 4- Lesotho (April 15 to April 22)

Cape Town, South Africa is running out of water, due to an El Nino triggered drought two years ago, and the dam levels in the highlands of Lesotho are very low. Much of the water that supplies Johannesburg, Praetoria and much of South Africa's industry flows from the Katse and Mohale dams in Lesotho. (South Africa's water crisis spreads from Cape Town, Reuters)



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