



Prayer for World Water Day

March 22

For your prayerful reflection:

Prayer

Creator God, whose Spirit moved over the face of the waters, who gathers the seas into their places and directs the courses of the rivers, who sends rain upon Earth that it should bring forth life: we praise you for the gift of water. Create in us such a sense of wonder and delight in this and all your gifts, that we might receive them with gratitude, care for them with love and generously share them with all your creatures, to the honor and glory of your name. AMEN.

Psalm 65

You visit the earth and water it,
make it abundantly fertile.
God's stream is filled with water;
with it you supply the world with grain.
Thus do you prepare the earth:
you drench plowed furrows,
and level their ridges.
With showers you keep the ground soft,
blessing its young sprouts.
You adorn the year with your bounty;
your paths drip with fruitful rain.
The untilled meadows also drip;
the hills are robed with joy.

CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF BON SECOURS OF PARIS CORPORATE STATEMENT ON WATER

Rooted in our cherished heritage of healing, compassion and liberation, and steeped in the commitment expressed by Mere Geay, "It is for the poor that I have the greatest concern", We, **Sisters of Bon Secours** and **Bon Secours Associates** throughout the world **AFFIRM**:

- Water is a sacred gift that connects all life
- Access to clean water is a basic human right.
- The value of the earth's freshwater to the common good takes priority over any possible commercial value.
- Freshwater is a shared legacy, a public trust and a collective responsibility.

Therefore, as members of the Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours of Paris, we commit ourselves to do what we can in our personal and communal lives and in our spheres of influence to educate ourselves and others so that we might take action.

WE SUPPORT actions and policies that:

- Ensure universal access to sufficient, affordable, safe water for all people, especially the most vulnerable.
- Protect freshwater as a sustainable, renewable resource.
- Implement the objectives of the UN Millennium Goals and Rio + 20 commitments on water.

We OPPOSE actions and policies that:

- Endanger the world's supply of freshwater.
- Deprive humans and other species access to adequate, safe water essential for life.
- Favor the privatization of water as a commodity to be bought and sold for profit **when in reality it is a heritage we all hold in common.**



Today recommit yourself to our *Corporate Statement on Water*.
What action can you take to live out this statement today?