

## **A Prayer for the Waters**

Creator of life,  
we give you thanks  
for the waters that have  
held us and nourished us,  
washed us and comforted us,  
lulled us to sleep,  
and reflected our joys and sorrows.

*here we pause to remember lakes, rivers,  
streams and oceans that we are grateful for*

Creator who mourns,  
we lament the death  
that has entered our waterways:  
the plastic in our oceans,  
the soil and poisons in our rivers and streams,  
the sewage in our lakes.

*here we pause to remember specific lakes, rivers, canals, streams and oceans that we mourn,  
and our complicity in their loss*

We bring to you our grief  
for those communities,  
especially Indigenous communities,  
that do not have clean water:  
those with mercury poisoning,  
illnesses from tar sand leaching,  
and increasing cancer rates.  
Forgive us for allowing this to happen on our watch.

*here we pause to remember those communities we know  
who do not have access to clean water*

Creator of new life,  
we pray that you will once again  
draw us into the story of water,  
that we might be those  
who protect our watersheds,  
and the waterways  
of the most vulnerable in our midst.

We pray in hope of that day  
when the water of life  
will grant us healing.  
Amen.