Send Your Living Waters

God who called us forth from the dust
And watered our lands with countless streams and great rivers
We thank you for the garden you have set us to dwell in.

And in our thanks, we seek to be good stewards of your garden
Protectors, nurturers, healers
In honor of you
In honor of the generations who tended this land before us
In honor of the generations to follow.

And so, as of old, we turn again to the sky:
Send your living waters upon us
Sprinkle us again with your purifying rains
Make your mountains fill with dancing streams
Your valleys swell with splashing ponds
As fertile as the River Jordan
As renewing as the waters of baptism
As overflowing as the cup of salvation.

Feed all living things with your life-sustaining water
As you fill them with your grace.

And as we gaze upon this land that so thirsts for your water
Let it remind us of all the thirsts in this world:
The thirst for justice
The thirst for peace
The thirst for opportunity
The thirst for reconciliation
The thirst for hope.

And when your blessings rain from the sky
As assuredly they will
And we kneel again at the pools and fountains
Teach us to cup our hands
And gently,
   gracefully,
   in solidarity
Turn first, and share with one another.

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