
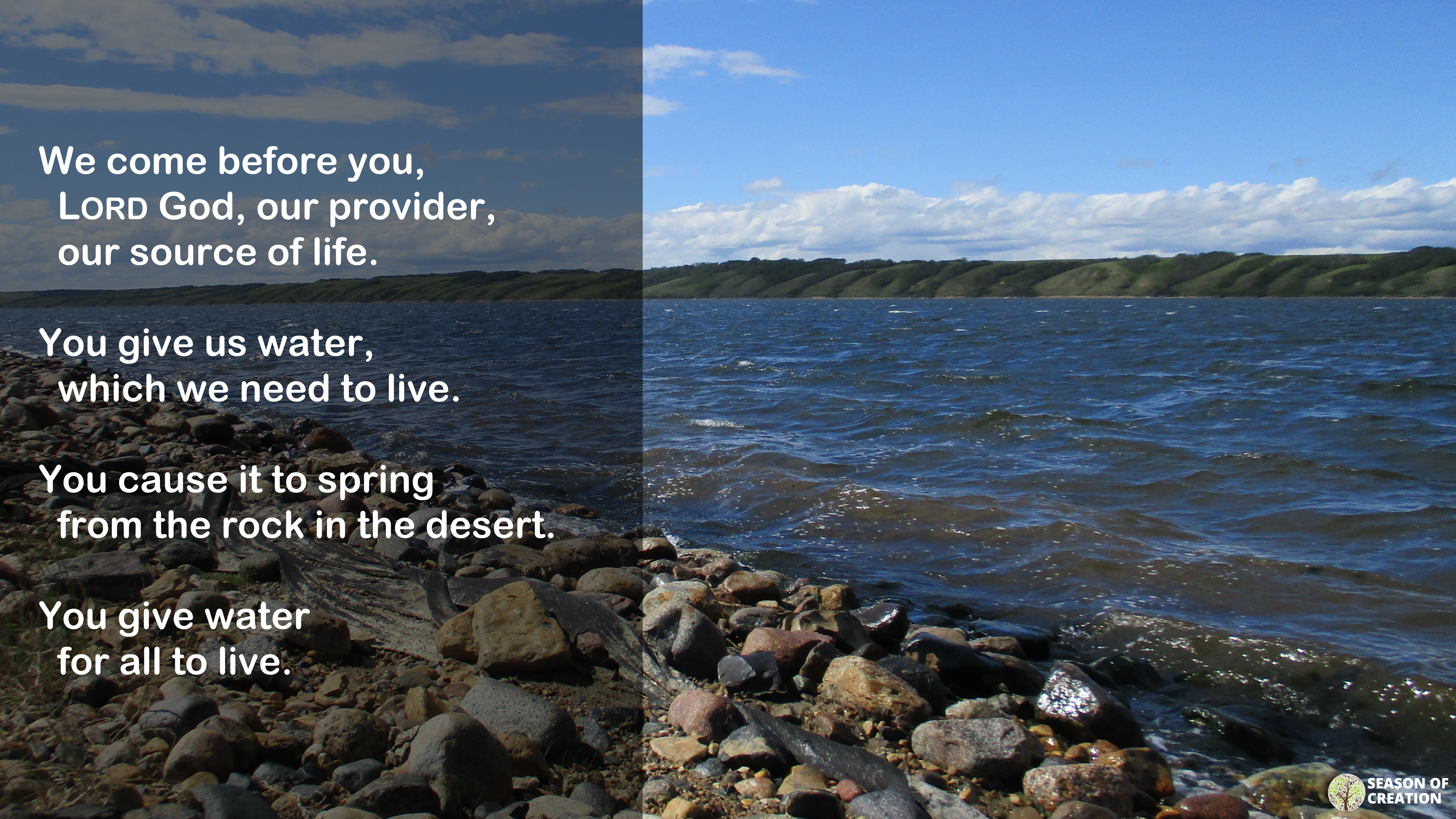


The people quarrelled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”



The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people... I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

[Exodus 17:2-3, 5-6]



We come before you,
LORD God, our provider,
our source of life.

You give us water,
which we need to live.

You cause it to spring
from the rock in the desert.


You give water
for all to live.



We confess we have not always
been good caretakers.

We have hoarded and polluted,
filled the oceans with
the plastic of our consumption.

We buy and sell what you give
freely —
water in the desert.



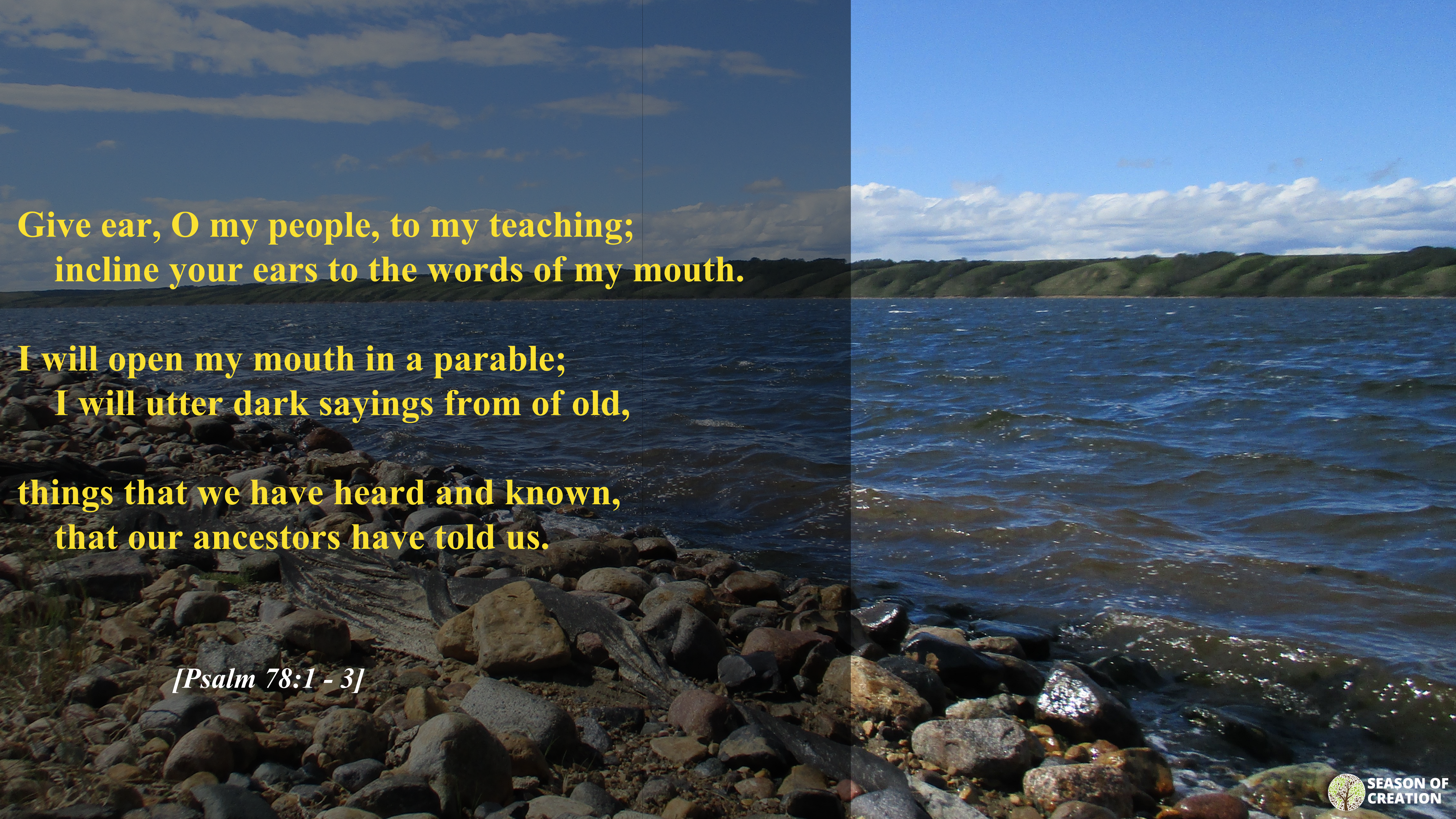
You call us to be partners in
your creation.

What have we done, O God?
What have we undone?

You call us now to action.

How will we respond?

What is our answer
to your call?



**Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

**I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.**

[Psalm 78:1 - 3]

“Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, ‘Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.’

“The son answered, ‘I don’t want to.’ Later on he thought better of it and went.

“The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, ‘Sure, glad to.’ But he never went.

“Which of the two sons did what the father asked?”

[Matthew 21:28-32]

**May we be the ones of action;
may our response resound!**

**Grant us courage to let our
voice be seen in the work of
our hands.**

**May water again spring forth
giving life to all the earth:
clean and uncluttered,
free and available to all.**



You call us to be a people of
action.

May your call inspire us
to lead the way,
to strike the rock that your
justice might flow.

Amen.