

Water of Life

By Deacon Wigton

God is insistent that we stay near the water, His water. He is emphatic! He says it clearly in Jeremiah, "Blessed is the man who trusts and the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought, it shows no distress but still bears fruit." (Jeremiah 17:7-8)

In the very first Psalm, God says it in a way that leaves no doubt! "Happy those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, nor go by the way of sinners, nor sit in the company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the Lord is their joy; God's law they study day and night. They are like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in season; its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers". (Psalm 1:1-3)

So where is this stream? Where is the water? We should always want to be planted near it so that we can sink our thirsty roots deep into its moisture so that our leaves would never fade, and our fruit remain even when the rest of the world is an arid wasteland.

We know of the physical properties of water and that it is vital for our existence. Our bodies are 60% water. It is the water that allows the myriads of chemical reactions to take place necessary for life. Without it we die! When Jesus encounters the woman at the well in Samaria, He teaches her, and of course the rest of us at the same time, of the spiritual dimension of water when He tells her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." (John 4:10) A phenomenal statement! He is not talking about the water that is vital for every living cell. He is telling us about water that is a gift from Him, and it is living and essential for life everlasting! Surely the Samaritan woman must have been totally astonished to hear Him go on to say: "Whosoever drinks the water that I shall give him shall



never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14). Maybe she would have been able to recall that God had spoken to the Israelites through Isaiah telling them that He was the source of water providing for everlasting life and that He invited them to come to Him to drink freely of His provision: "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters". (Isaiah 55:

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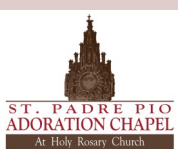
been able to recognize that Ezekiel spoke about this water as he gave a vision of a river of everlasting water that flowed from God's temple causing everything to flourish along its banks. (Ezekiel 47: 1-12)

The Samaritan woman lived in an arid land. Without her daily trek to the well, hauling gallons upon gallons of water, the flocks, the herds, the people would not have been able to survive. We too live in such an arid land. We are surrounded by a spiritual desert where those who do not have their roots tapped into everlasting water are languishing. Our only hope in this desert is to be the Blessed man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord for he will be "like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought, it shows no distress but still bears fruit."

God has promised to give the water of life to anyone who is thirsty and asks. (Revelation 21:6) An angel showed John the evangelist that the water of life flows from the throne of God. (Revelations 22: 1)

Come to the throne of God. He beckons you to the Chapel to adore Him and thirst no more. The same Jesus who stood in front of the Woman at the well is calling you to come and drink fully of Him.

Water of Life cleanse and refresh us. Raise us to life in Christ Jesus. All you who thirst come to the water and you will never be thirsty again. (Lyrics by Stephen Dean)



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Wren Blanchard	Veronica Ritola	
Grace Goff	Lilian Scott	
Sarah Maciborski	Maggie Steck	



In Our Thoughts & Prayers Recent Prayer Intentions

Fr. Lawler's parents - Both Serious Health Issues * Bode Tokie * Kasey Lou & Diane Dunson - Both Serious Health Issues * Anne Marie - surgery
 Rita Wilson * Leona Flaska - Hip Surgery * Barb Weber - Fall Rehab
 GF - Continued Health Recovery * JT & Husband - Rehab & Recovery
 Ron Novak - Leg Injury Recovery * Joyce Olds - Leg Injury * Max Quillet
 Lauren - Concussion * Jeanie L. - Back Surgery * Mark Scott - Illness
 Leonard Dezelski - Injuries from Fall * Jenny Madison - Leg Injuries
 Jill Anderson - Heart attack / Heart Issues * Judy - Accident
 Carol - Knee Surgery * Susie - Complications from Eye Surgery

For the recently deceased & their families

Fr. James Gardner * Gerri Brzezinski * Delphine Flowers
 * Edward Bussey * Steve Denoyer * Alan Schmuckal *
 * Dan Hammer * Linda Michels * Crystal Dunklow Budsinski *
 * Ken Krantz * Ellen Galla * Babies - Connor & Fred

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Ben * Leonard Couturier * Peter Freundl * Martin Gallagher
 Tim Keilty * Christopher McGlynn * Arthur McCormack - stage 4 lung
 Chris Napolillo - Continued progress * Jan Novak - Continued progress
 Janet R. - BC * Erin Richards Rasy * Francis Rosinski
 Therese Rosinski * Tom Savage * Craig Stallman *
 Herbie S. - Kidney & bone * Ruth Trotsky - Cancer & Parkinsons
 Kelly Winowiecki Florip * Tina VanderWulp * Ben * Christi
 Danielle - breast cancer * Dan S. * Gabby - melanoma * Kathleen
 Lori * Marissa * Patricia - lung cancer * Randy * Steve

* Ongoing Prayer Intentions *

* Chris Berkey - Neurological issues *
 * Ed Budd - Diagnosed with Agent Orange Complications *
 * Delores (Ditto) Couturier - stroke recovery *
 * Toddler Henry Gauthier -
 Continued progress in mobility & normal development *
 * Lucas P. - teen - serious food allergies and EOE *
 * Conor Rigan - age 5 - Continued Cancer Recovery
 * Hailie Tondreau - Hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome *
 * Randy W. (Buckley) - Parkinson's *
 * Rich Zywicki - healing from serious head injuries (accident) *

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- Joshua Harris
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- Zachary Karpinski -Basic Training
- Jesse Kohler — MT National Guard
- Jacob Kunde — US Air Force
- Austin McQueer — US Marines
- Collin Platts
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- Ryan Tondreau — US Army
- Leif Vanderwerf — US Marines
- Capt. Daniel Weber, DO
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 — MI National Guard
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- Isaiah Belanger — US Navy
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- Curtis Bunek — US Navy
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- Matthew Culver — US Navy
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