



World Water Day: March 22

World Water Day is an annual United Nations Observance, started in 1993, that celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2 billion people currently living without access to safe water. A core focus of World Water Day is to inspire action towards Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.

Water is important to all living beings. Without water our bodies would not survive and our crops would not grow. It is as vital as the air we breathe. We enjoy a hot shower, a plunge into a clean swimming pool and a hot cup of tea. Water nourishes our bodies and souls! According to biblegateway.com, there are 617 bible verses referencing water.

Billions of people across the globe do not have ready access to enough clean water. Bacteria-contaminated water is often the only water available for drinking and cooking. Many women and children walk miles to obtain enough water for their daily needs. Crops go without water, wilt, and die. Take some time this month to learn about global water needs and concerns. Take some time to pray.

Prayer: Good and gracious God, you separated the waters from the dry land and called them good. Grant us the knowledge, energy, and generosity to provide abundant, clean water for all. Stir in us the desire to be good stewards of the water resources in our communities. We rejoice in the abundance of this gift of water and the nourishment it has brought us. Holy God, let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

Activities:

1. Drop a dime in a jar every time you turn on a faucet and collect the money for one of the ELCA water Good Gifts: <https://goodgifts.elca.org/water>
2. Remember your baptism when you wash your face each morning.
3. Pray for those who walk miles to obtain water and consider how you might implement water-saving measures in your home.
https://thewaterproject.org/water_conservation_tips
4. Give thanks daily for the water in your life: that you gaze upon at the shore, that falls in a gentle rain, that is delivered to your house through something as convenient as a faucet!
5. For more water facts see: <https://www.treehugger.com/eye-opening-facts-about-water-4858731>