

Sabeel-Kairos

Taking Action for Palestine

Sabeel–Kairos Lenten Reflections

Week 2 | *Water and the Holy Spirit*

Reflection

Free access to clean running water is a basic human right. This is not just our own common-sense assertion, but also a legal right that is enshrined in international law.

Today less than 4% of fresh water is drinkable in Gaza and the surrounding sea is polluted by sewage. The situation is deteriorating every day and we know that without fundamental change, things will continue to spiral out of control. We know that none of this is an accident. Israel's blockade of Gaza severely limits materials from entering, making it incredibly difficult to develop water and sanitation infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing population... a population who are already suffering.

How much do we take water for granted in our own lives? Can you imagine a situation where you were systematically deprived of access to water because of who you were and where you lived? What part can we play here in the UK to challenge our government and institutions to act now?

Prayer

Lord our God, your Spirit hovered above the waters at creation. Wash away our hardness of heart and inspire us each day this Lent. May we be attentive to the cry of your people who are thirsty in Palestine.

Jesus our saviour, you said “I thirst” from the cross. Give us your heart of mercy so that we may be advocates for those you bring into our lives. Teach us how to work diligently and tirelessly for those are voiceless and oppressed in our world.

Spirit of Love, you descended on Jesus in the river Jordan as he was Baptised by John. May we respond more perfectly to the inspirations of your Holy Spirit. Show us new and imaginative ways we can work and serve our brothers and sisters.



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