



## Pray together for WATER

### Water – Programme of UNANIMA International

UNANIMA International has become aware of the situation of water scarcity throughout the world. Rather than becoming more available for all the creatures of our planet who need water to survive, it is increasingly being made into a commodity. Those who have money have more access to water than those who do not. At the same time we experience greater contamination of this precious resource. So UNANIMA developed its international  water = life campaign.

- ❖ UNANIMA International has developed campaign materials to use in lobbying at both the United Nations in New York during the Commission on Sustainable Development and at two of UN Climate Change Conferences, one in Copenhagen and the other in Cancún.
- ❖ UNANIMA International has collaborated with the Council of Canadians and the Blue Planet Project to lobby successfully for the recognition of right to water and sanitation as basic human rights.
- ❖ UNANIMA International has collaborated with Food and Water Watch to present a position paper to the UN Expert on Water, Caterina de Albuquerque at the Human Rights Council in Geneva.
- ❖ UNANIMA International has taken a lead in presenting an NGO position against the method of natural gas extraction at the United Nations known as hydraulic fracturing (fracking). This method of extracting natural gas contaminates existing sources of ground water and drinking water. It also uses millions of gallons of fresh water in the extractive process causing further contamination of fresh water. There is at present no known method of cleaning up this contamination.
- ❖ UNANIMA International awarded its fourth annual Woman of Courage award to Jessica Ernst, an activist against fracking. This award served to give further visibility to the issue.

#### UNANIMA Prayer for 31 October 2011

“Praised be You, my God, for Sister Water, who is useful, humble, precious and pure.”  
As St. Francis prayed in great gratitude for Sister Water, we pray in thankfulness for her life sustaining generosity.

Oh water, in your mysterious beauty you cause the desert to bloom.  
One tiny drop collected with thousands of other drops  
Nourishes seeds to feed us and all creatures.  
One tiny drop multiplied quenches our burning thirst.  
Our bodies, like the body of earth, are over 75% water.  
We are a water people.  
We are a water planet.



Oh compassionate God, Creator who breathed over the waters,  
We join with UNANIMA members and all peoples,  
To seek forgiveness for our mindless use of water.  
We beg for wisdom to know how to conserve and cherish water.  
We ask healing for the ways that we disrespect and contaminate our sister.  
In a drought time we wait and watch for the gift of rain upon the earth. We watch and wait for the rain of grace into our souls.  
Come free us from the hatred, greed, fear, and lack of love for your gifts upon earth.  
Transform us into living streams of water, flowing green and moist with life, hope and love for earth and all peoples.

We pray this prayer in the name of God who is gracious Creator, Jesus who is Eternal Word and Spirit who is Wellspring of Wisdom. AMEN