

Thought for the day – Tuesday 12th December 2023

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Thanks for the waters Robin Wall Kimmerer

And to the Haudenosaunee were given the Thanksgiving Address to remind themselves to greet and thank all the members of the natural world whenever they are gathered.

To the waters they say

“We give thanks to all the waters of the world. We are grateful that the waters are still here and doing their duty of sustaining life on Mother Earth. Water is life, quenching our thirst and providing us with strength, making the plants grow and sustaining us all. Let us gather our minds together and with one mind we send greetings and thanks to the Waters.”

These words reflect the sacred purpose of the people. For just as water was given certain responsibilities for sustaining the world, so were the people. Chief among their duties was to give thanks for the gifts of the earth and to care for them.

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We have so much to thank water for. We should also thank God. Jesus said that he could give us living water. The Bible is full of stories about water.

We are blessed that we have access to water.