

**Prayer for Justice for Humanitarian Aid Workers
& for Scott Warren, No More Deaths Volunteer On Trial in Tucson, AZ.
(Adapted from Prayer Offered at “Faith Floods the Courthouse” Event
June 5th, 2019 Outside Tucson Courthouse)**



*I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in*
Matthew 25:35



On this day, we remember how God created from the firmament of the deep, and say that:

All: “Water is sacred, water is life!”

In the days of Noah, you washed away evil from the face of the earth through weeks of rain, so that today we claim:

All: “Water is sacred, water is life!”

In the time of Moses and Miriam, you led your people to the surging sea, and led your people into freedom crossing into new life, so we can say:

All: “Water is sacred, water is life!”

By the waters of Babylon, you heard our cries—so we can be sure:

All: “Water is sacred, water is life!”

In the waters of the Jordon, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by your spirit to proclaim Good News to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, and to proclaim liberty to the captives, and to let the oppressed go free. And so we say with surety:

All: “Water is sacred, water is life!”

Water cleanses us. Water covers most of the earth’s surface, and protects us in our mother’s wombs. No one can go without it. Not in the desert, and not in the courtroom. Therefore we know:

All: “Water is sacred, water is life!”

Whenever your people cry out for freedom, God, you are there. In these moments, then, we pray that you would especially encircle and fill Scott Warren as he testifies. We pray that in these courts justice would roll down like water. And we pray that we each would continue to work for justice in every place and time--even as today we seek to flood the courtroom, and the streets, and our communities with vibrant, passionate, and committed faith.

All: “Water is sacred, water is life!” AMEN.

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