Some of my favorite drives and hikes are those where the route runs alongside a mountain stream. Especially in the spring, as the snow above is melting, water pours down paths worn smooth over time, ripples across stones and rushes over cliffs in majestic waterfalls. As the cool, fresh water cascades from the mountain heights, it is infused with life-giving oxygen.

These are the images that come to my mind when I reflect on God’s provision in Christ to quench the spiritual thirst of humanity. In mountain streams, I see an illustration of the abundance, the effervescence and the perfect satisfaction of a life lived in relationship with God through Christ. Jesus spoke of living water, available to any who would ask, that satisfies fully and completely. Its supply is endless. It originates as a gift from God himself. (Ephesians 2:8-10) When a person accepts this gift, living water rushes in—and soon overflows, pouring outward like “a spring of water welling up” from within. (John 4:14, NIV) In this way, the gift of living water is sufficient not only for the spiritual nourishment of the person who has received the gift, but also for sharing with others who are still thirsty.

What is it that makes a mountain stream so full of life and so life-giving to the flora and fauna along its path? Movement! Water that ceases to be in motion gradually stagnates, becoming depleted of oxygen so that it can no longer sustain life. By contrast, a flowing stream carries nutrients, seeds and microorganisms from one place to another, and it whips itself up with tiny air bubbles that help to sustain a lively ecosystem.

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WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER I GIVE THEM WILL NEVER THIRST; INDEED, THE WATER I GIVE THEM WILL BECOME IN THEM A SPRING OF WATER WELLING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE. JOHN 4:14

"Let me drink until I thirst no more."
The global servants and staff of International Ministries are pleased to bring you this update to invite you into our work with Christ as we work together in Jesus’ name. We hope that this will be a valuable resource for you and your church during the World Mission Offering season. (And beyond.)

Our inspiration for these prayers comes from Jesus’ words to the woman at the well: “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water I will give will never thirst.” (John 4:10-14) In the words of our Lord, we can live abundantly as people who are forever satisfied through the living water of eternal life. Those who drink are abundantly satisfied and draw into a deeper relationship with Jesus by offering them the living water of eternal life. Those who drink are abundantly satisfied and draw into a deeper relationship with Jesus by offering them the living water of eternal life.

Every day, in countless contexts, IM’s global servants invite people to never to spiritually thirst again. Jesus revealed that he knew what brokenness her life held and he revealed to her gospel truths that broke down the barrier between Jews and Samaritans. The woman accepted the gift of living water, revealing to her gospel truths that broke down the barrier between Jews and Samaritans. The woman accepted the gift of living water, revealing to her gospel truths that broke down the barrier between Jews and Samaritans.

The woman’s questions opened the door for a deeper discussion. What does he have to do with me? How will you fill my empty bucket? He can’t be serious. Can he give me water when he doesn’t have any? How will he do it? If he’s not going to bring me water, how will he fill my bucket? He’s a stranger, a carpenter, a Jewish evangelist until her martyrdom. Photini to reach out to others. She led countless thousands to Jesus, becoming a deaconess and evangelist until her martyrdom.

Our prayers are rooted in the Word of God and the promises of God. They are experiences God’s love and experience God’s love and guide Master’s students and colleagues experience God’s love and guide Master’s students and colleagues.

Here are a few of our favorite prayers that inspire us and we pray will encourage you in your work and prayer.

1. The God of heaven and earth, may your living presence be a guide as we seek to live and love in ways you intend.
2. Lord, be the loving father who sees and knows all, who loves and empowers us to love and empower others.
3. May your living water be the only antidote that can transform the hearts of people, enemies alike.
4. May volunteers multiply their impact, bringing hope and life to those who are poor and vulnerable.
5. May your living presence be a guide as we seek to live and love in ways you intend.

And there are many more. We invite you to consider planting more seeds of prayer, inviting others to join your effort so that more people will consider prayer as a regular part of their lives.

May this be a blessing to you and your church. And may the living water that you share with others be a blessing to them as well!

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