### God Beyond All Names (Bernadette Farrell)

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God beyond our dreams, you have stirred in us a memory. You have placed your powerful spirit in the hearts of humankind.

#### All around us we have known you, all creation lives to hold you. In our living and our dying we are bringing you to birth.

God beyond all names, you have made us in your image. We are like you, we reflect you. We are woman, we are man.

God beyond all words, all creation tells your story, you have shaken with our laughter, you have trembled with our tears.

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Jesus urged, in time of need, that we simply go to God. It is then with confidence that we pray for rain to break the drought and replenish depleted reservoirs.

At the same time the drought challenges all of us to be good stewards of God's gifts, to conserve water and care for our environment.

Let us be grateful to God for the many blessings we enjoy and often take for granted; change any wasteful or destructive practices; care for the gifts given us by God; and commit ourselves to practical compassion for all who suffer from the pain of drought.

### Prayer for Rain

Lord God, in you we live and move and have our being.



*Help us in our present time of trouble, send us the rain we need,* 

and teach us to seek your lasting help on the way to eternal life.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Amen.

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