



A Prayer for Parched Hearts

By Rabbi Rachel Simmons

Our God and God of our ancestors,

Please be with us now.

You have given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this moment of anguish.

Help us rise and face it together.

Help us help each other in these terrible days.

Creator of All, You have put a spark of the Divine in every human heart.

Do not let us forget.

Fan within us the rebellious embers of peace.

Do not let us lose faith.

Hagar and Ishmael were alone and dying in the desert—

You heard their cries and showed them a well of life-giving water.

Hear our voices now, Giver of Hope.

Hear our cries now, Source of Strength.

Show us the way

To the well that we so desperately seek.

Our hearts are parched,

So parched,

And our eyes are so full of tears that

We cannot yet see a path to safety.

Please, Show us the way.



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Blessed are You, God of All, who loves Your children in our darkest hours.