



Scripture

'...he changes desert into streams, thirsty ground into springs of water.' Psalm 106 (107) from the Breviary.

'I am thirsty.' John 19:28 from the New Jerusalem Bible

Catechism

'The principle of solidarity, also articulated in terms of friendship and social charity, is a direct demand of human and Christian brotherhood.' Catechism of the Catholic Church para. 1939

Comment

Whilst some areas of the world are experiencing unprecedented heatwaves and drought, other places such as Pakistan are enduring the worst floods in living memory. In both cases, access to clean water is essential; more obviously, perhaps, in the former case, but floods can contaminate sources of drinking water, making access to fresh, clean water for drinking, cooking and washing a real necessity.

Organisation of the month

WaterAid is a charity with a single-minded devotion to providing safe, clean water for as many people around the world as possible. It describes itself as 'determined to make clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene normal for everyone, everywhere within a generation.'

Action

Pray: that God the Father, in the name of Jesus Christ His Son our Lord and Saviour may, by the power of the Holy Spirit, increase your spirit of generosity;

Think: try to calculate how much water you use daily on average. Now divide that amount by a third. Now try to imagine that the water you have is not from a reliable source of clean water. How well do you think you would manage?

Act: Visit www.wateraid.org for ways to donate and to support its work.

"Do as much as you can. God will do what we ourselves cannot do." St. John Bosco, Letter to Cagliero, November 13th 1875