

# Digging DEEPER African Link

## Out of Africa

Here are four prayers that come from Africa. Place a dot on the map showing where each prayer is from. What can you imagine about the people's lives from their prayers? What do the prayers say about God? What do they suggest about water?

### A Prayer from Sudan

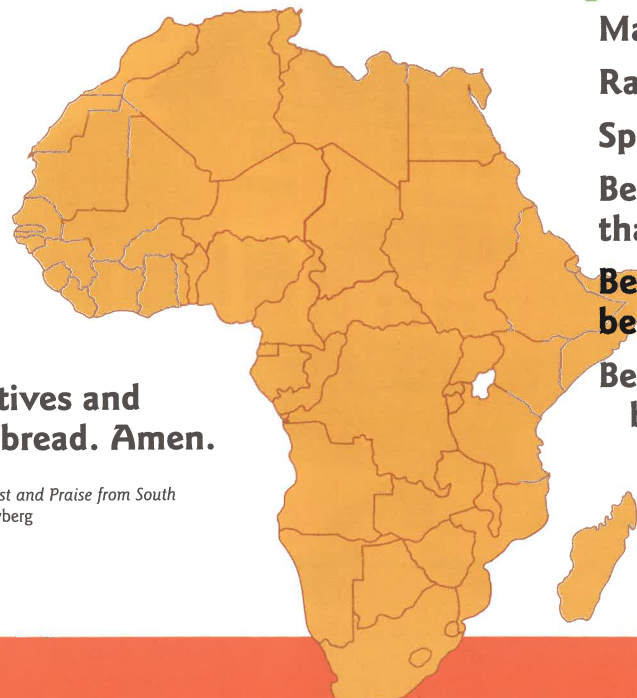
Give life to the grass by sending us rain.  
Give life to our earth by sending us rain.  
Give life to our crops by sending us rain.  
Give life to our children by sending us rain.  
Amen.

Source: *Graces from Around the World*,  
Compiled by Richard Bowers

### A Prayer from South Africa

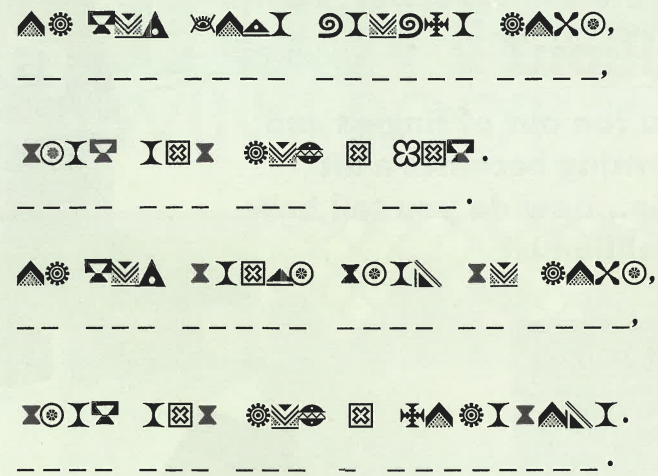
Praise the Father,  
Liberator Lord.  
He frees all the captives and  
gives the hungry bread. Amen.

Source: *Freedom is Coming: Songs of Protest and Praise from South Africa*,  
Collected and edited by Anders Nyberg



## Solve This Riddle

Match the symbol to the letter to decode the message.



### Key to the Code

A	☒
B	▲
C	△
D	⊗
E	∩
F	⊙
G	⊘
H	⊕
I	▲
J	⊗
K	⊙
L	⊘
M	▲
N	△
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P	∩
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R	⊘
S	⊕
T	⊗
U	▲
V	△
W	∩
X	⊙
Y	⊘
Z	⊕

### A Prayer from Ivory Coast

Enjoy the earth gently,  
Enjoy the earth gently,  
For if the earth is spoiled  
It cannot be repaired.  
Enjoy the earth gently. Amen.

Source: Yourba prayer in *A World of Prayers*, Jeremy Brooks

### A Prayer from Kenya

May God:  
Raise you up above everything  
Spread out like water of a lake  
Be abundance that never ends,  
that never changes.  
Be like a mountain,  
be like a camel,  
Be like a cloud—a cloud that  
brings rain always. Amen.

Source: Samburu prayer in *A World of Prayers*, Jeremy Brooks

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# TAKING ROOT

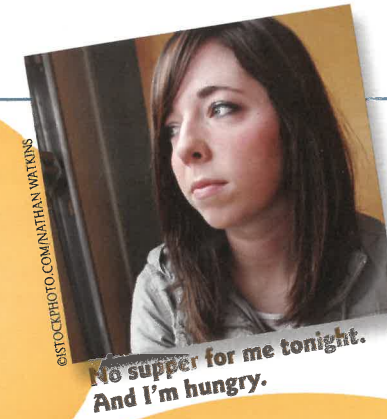


Session 1, Grades 3-6

# Recognizing Hunger

HUNGER CAUSES  
HUNGER **HOPES**

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?"



No supper for me tonight. And I'm hungry.

The other kids in my class don't know I live in a car. I like the same things you do, like TV and video games. I hate being poor. It's not my fault I live like this.



"And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"



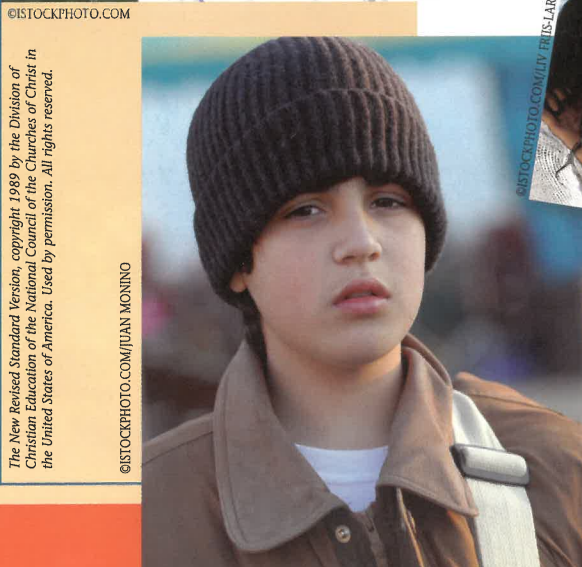
The soldiers want me to be in their army—their REAL army.



Don't call me "poor." I'm a great goalie!



Sometimes I wonder whether praying does any good.



I'd really like a place to sleep tonight. It's cold outside.



This is my Grandma. She can't buy food and medicine. She has to choose because she doesn't have enough money for both.

"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

Matthew 25:37b-40

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