

DAY 2 – Monday 11th May

Read – Genesis 1 : 6-8

⁶ Then God said, “Let there be a horizon in the middle of the water in order to separate the water.” ⁷ So God made the horizon and separated the water above and below the horizon. And so it was. ⁸ God named what was above the horizon sky. There was evening, then morning—a second day.

Reflect

In these verses, we read how God separates the waters and creates the sky.

In Kenya people pray for rain. Collecting water is usually the women’s job. One such woman, called Rose, walks 8km with her donkey to collect water for her family. Rose says “Fetching water takes me six hours because I am old and can’t walk very fast. The drought has been severe, we are suffering.”

Rose is living with HIV and struggles to eat well because there isn’t enough water to grow crops. She is the sole carer for her six grandchildren.

Pray

Creator of the sea and sky, in this time of climate crisis, as we pour out our feelings. Pour your Spirit of hope and renew our resolve to work together to help the poor and the needy. Amen.

Meditate

We can hardly imagine how Rose must cope with the very basics of everyday life. Being a Grannie to six children must be hard enough but she is also struggling with HIV as well as having to walk the equivalent of 5 miles to collect water, while we simply turn on a tap.

How often do we thank God for our many Blessings, each day? At all...?

Let us keep Rose and the other women of Kenya in our thoughts and prayers.