

***Prayer for the Earth, Air, Water
Of our Planet***

"Blessing of the Waters," Sept 20, 2012

You, O Holy One of Being --
Interbreathing of all life --
Known to all Your cultures and communities
by many sacred Names;
You, YYYhwwwwhhhh, [*pronounce by just breathing*]
Who breathe transforming life into us
Just as we breathe a transforming Voice into the Shofar;
You, Who breathe life into us all
So that we breathe in what the trees breathe out
And the trees breathe in what we breathe out --
You who breathe into us the wisdom to shape our breath into words,
To shape our words so that they aim toward wisdom --

May the words we are with Your help sharing today,
Speak deeply -- with Your help -- to our nation and the world.
Help us all to know that the sharing of our breath with all of life
Is the very proof, the very truth, that we are One.

These ancient words remind us:
"I am The Interbreathing of all life,
And of Me, for Me, from Me, with Me,
Comes all the Earth.
You do not own it.
You must not poison and destroy it.
You must share its bounty with all life --
As but My guests and visitors." (paraphrased from Lev. 25)

Remind us that if some few among us,
Drunk on their own wealth and power,
Pour poison into earth and air and water,
Then it is poison that we ALL eat and breathe and drink.
Our sustenance arises from the interweb of life,
And it is only through greed and coercion

That it is gobbled and poisoned by the few.

Together today we call upon our selves
and all our neighbors
To prevent the fracking
That is poison to our farms,
Endangers our cities,
And scorches our planet.

Send us forth from here,
With the commitment to turn these words into action;
Into compassion, into justice, into healing.

We call out
In the Name of the One Who is many;
In the name of the many who are One.

And may the people say, Amen! Ameyn! Amin!

(by Rabbi Arthur Waskow)