

## Prayer for Love

### Mimesis

My daughter  
wouldn't hurt a spider  
That had nested  
Between her bicycle handles  
For two weeks  
She waited  
Until it left its own accord

If you tear down the web I said  
It will simply know  
This isn't a place to call home  
And you'd get to go biking

She said that's how others  
Become refugees isn't it?

**Fady Joudah**

## Litany of Creation

We Drink from One Well

### Blessing of Water

Spirit of Living Water,  
You hold all of creation in your womb  
*And spring us forward onto the earth at birth.*

Spirit of the Tides,  
Remind me of the rise and fall of your rhythms  
*So that I may discover them deep within my own being.*

Spirit of Greenness,  
Bring moistness and vigor to my life  
*So that I might savor the experience of your energy  
Moving through me out into the world.*

*Blessings of water be upon me.  
May I be carried by the flow of the great river of life.  
May I discover a hidden spring within, gushing forth,  
May I be carried to the shores of the sacred and renewed.*

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