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Women of the Water

Creator God, In the beginning of it all,
Your Spirit hovered over the chaotic waters. (Gen 1:2b)
Out of the waters of baptism you give birth to new life.
For this, your people say,
We are Grateful, oh God.

Creator God, your faithful servants, the midwives saved the Hebrew babies. We name the courage of Miriam, the sister of Moses who placed him in the saving waters of the Nile and the courage of Pharaoh's daughter who rescued him. Give us courage like these women to fight the unjust laws of the land.
For these women, your people say,
We are grateful, oh God.

Creator God, your faithful servant Mary gave birth to your Son. Mary, the mother of Jesus teaches us all to give birth to love. May we be like Mary and give birth to your just love and righteousness in our world today.
For Mary mother of Jesus, your people say,
We are grateful, oh God.

Creator God, your faithful servant at the well, the Samaritan woman who received the living water. May we be like her and share the waters of your grace and love, preaching the Gospel news to our neighbors.
For the Samaritan Woman, your people say,
We are grateful, oh God.

Creator God, your faithful servant Lydia, a successful businesswoman who sold purple by the river, received the good news of salvation. May we be like Lydia and invite all to the waters of baptism.
For Lydia, your people say,
We are grateful, oh God.

Creator God, for the faithful servants today,
For women who courageously care for the least of these,
your people say,
We are grateful, oh God.

For women who give birth to justice in our world.
your people say,
We are grateful, oh God.

for the women who preach the living water in our churches and beyond,
your people say,
We are grateful, oh God.

for the women leading their households to the holy waters of baptism and practicing radical hospitality, your people say,
We are grateful, oh God. Amen.

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For the Woman Rising - A Litany

Leader: For the woman who is seen by God like Hagar
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Genesis 16:13)

Leader: For the woman who is a midwife of freedom like Shiphrah and Puah
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Exodus 1:15-21)

Leader: For the woman who protects her children weaving creativity with trust like Jochebed
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Exodus 2:3)

Leader: For the woman who chooses to sing a song of praise as a word of prophecy like Miriam
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Exodus 15:20-27)

Leader: For the woman who demands her share of her inheritance like the daughters of Zelophehad
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Numbers 27:1-11)

Leader: For the woman who will never let the Naomi in her life be alone in her time of grief like Ruth
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Ruth 1:16-17)

Leader: For the woman who, brokenhearted, still prays fervently with anticipation like Hannah
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(1 Samuel 1:10-17)

Leader: For the woman who dares to ask for more when she knows more is possible like Acsah
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Judges 1:11-15)

Leader: For the woman who is divinely placed in a position of power for such a time as this, like Esther
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Esther 4:14)

Leader: For the woman who is balancing being a leader in her community and a partner at home like Deborah
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Judges 4:4)

Leader: For the woman who believes that the Lord is still a promise keeper like Mary, the mother of Jesus
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Luke 1:45)

Leader: For the woman who chooses to listen at the feet of Jesus like Mary of Bethany
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Luke 10:38-42)

Leader: For the woman who works hard and earnestly shares her heart with Jesus like Martha of Bethany
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Luke 10:38-42)

Leader: For the woman who faithfully serves in the house of worship and tells others of the savior's existence like Anna
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Luke 2:36-38)

Leader: For the woman who has both great business acumen and deep belief in Christ like Lydia
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Acts 16:13-15)

Leader: For the woman who covers the vulnerable and is remembered for her covering like Tabitha
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Acts 9:36-43)

Leader: For the woman who hears Jesus calling her inner child to arise out of her sleep like Jairus' daughter
Congregation: May we honor her rising
(Luke 8:41-56)

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