



## DO GOOD

### Give Water. Give Life.

Nearly a billion people around the world lack access to safe drinking water. Here's how you can join those tackling the problem.

#### CHARITY: WATER ([charitywater.org](http://charitywater.org))

This organization funds safe drinking water by creatively marketing the cause. Donors track projects through photos and GPS images.

- Set up a profile on [mycharitywater.org](http://mycharitywater.org). Ask friends and family to forego your birthday gifts and donate money instead.
- Launch a campaign through your college sports team, club, or other organization.

#### LIVING WATER INTERNATIONAL ([water.cc](http://water.cc))

LWI digs wells, repairs pumps, and provides hygiene education. Over the past 21 years, LWI has completed more than 10,000 water projects in 26 countries and counting.

- Organize a "Walk for Water" by leading a mile-long hike (or farther) to your community's public water source to galvanize support.
- Sign up for a mission trip to help drill new wells or teach proper health and hygiene.

#### BLOOD:WATER MISSION ([bloodwatermission.com](http://bloodwatermission.com))

BWM has provided clean water to more than 600,000 people in 1,000 communities throughout Africa. Grassroots efforts garner financial support and promote the mission.

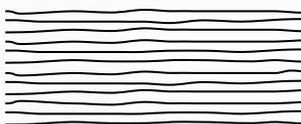
- Give up all your usual beverages (coffee, juice, sodas, energy drinks) for two weeks. Instead, drink tap water and donate the savings.
- Sign up for Ride:Well to raise funds by cycling.
- Host a Lemon:Aid stand on campus. You can find campaign kits online.

## Beautiful Sacrifice

We often equate spring with new life. Understandably so. 'Tis the season for pretty things to bloom, grass to grow green again, and people to emerge from their seeming hibernation. We often quickly forget when spring comes around that the earth would not be so beautiful at that time of year if death hadn't immediately preceded it — death in the form of winter, which covers the grass with snow, suffocates plants with ice, and strips trees bare before spring can return in full glory.

Death is essential for new life, and this is the case for more than just plants. We eat food that died first, and food gives us life. Many soldiers have died in war, so that future generations could live freely. Death creating life is a pattern found in many places.

It makes sense that this theme of death bringing life is found throughout the earth because it's the theme of the Bible: "And He died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the One who died for them and was raised" (2 Corinthians 5:15).



Though at times the Bible may seem irrelevant and God distant, when we read this verse and others like it in His Word, we see that He has written Scripture all over everything: plants, food, and war — only to name a few. And His sacrifice was the ultimate one. The cross was the final redeeming act that allows us to spend eternity with God.

If you're choosing new life by committing yourself to Christ in faith and answering His call to "follow Me" (Matthew 16:24), pray a prayer similar to this:

*Dear God, I need You. I can't live this life on my own. I know I'm a sinner, but I want to be in relationship with You. I believe Jesus died so I could experience forgiveness of all my sin. I accept Your offer of new, abundant, eternal life. From this day forward, I choose to follow You.*

**NEWLY ENGAGED?** — Opt for a water well instead of a diamond ring. Visit [withthisring.org](http://withthisring.org) for a radical giving challenge.