

## Who needs shelter?

Today we will sit together, with God and with a question.

The question is  
Who needs shelter?

We will leave this question out in the rain.  
We will carry this question through a drought.

Who needs shelter?

(symbolic /metaphor)

Rain can often come with a gray sky and an air of gloom

Who needs shelter from depression?

Who needs shelter from grief?

Who needs shelter from loss?

Stand in the rain.  
Listen to it.

As your face and hair begin to get wet  
Say a prayer in the rain

Drought can be harsh and greedy.

Who needs shelter from abuse?

Who needs shelter from injustice?

Who needs shelter from being othered?

Stand among the drought.

Feel the high heat of the day.  
Say a prayer in the drought

(real needs of real people)

Rain can cause damage and ruin things beyond repair.

Who is sleeping outside in the rain after being evicted?

Who is sleeping outside in the rain because it is safer than being at home?

Who is sleeping outside in the rain as they seek asylum in a foreign land?

Stand in the rain.

Listen to it.

As your shoes start to get soggy and cold

Say a prayer in the rain

Drought dries up land. It can leave the soil cracked and lacking nourishment.

Who has lost their job and is watching their savings run dry?

Who has planted good seed but their pantry is bare because the drought thwarted the harvest?

Who has lost their sense of direction because the land looks so unrecognizable?

Stand among the drought.

Look up and squint at the strength of the sun.

Say a prayer in the drought

Who needs shelter?

What questions do the rain and drought bring forward for you?

God is with us in the rain . God is with us in the drought

God is with you in the rain. God is with you in the drought.

Blessed are the grieving

Blessed are the merciful

Blessed are the peacemakers

Blessed are the persecuted

She is Blessed

He is Blessed

They are Blessed

You are Blessed

You  
Are  
Blessed

Amen