

I am greatly saddened and shocked to learn that so many people live with scarce to no clean, drinkable water. I can't imagine how much pain it would be to not have water daily. I constantly use water, whether it's to drink, to shower, or to wash the dishes. Thinking about the fact that some people can't have water at all makes me so upset. Water is a gift from God, and a basic human right. Everyone deserves to have access to clean, drinkable water.

"Water supplies used to be relatively consistent, but now in many places demand exceeds the sustainable supply, with dramatic consequences in the short and long term." Quoted Pope Francis in Laudato Si. We as a planet had enough water until pipes started to rot, and droughts started to occur. The problem is that not enough people are trying to help. We as American citizens can't do a whole lot to give communities in other countries water, but one thing we can do is speak up.

"Some countries have areas rich in water while others endure drastic scarcity." States Pope Francis in Laudato Si. America is a country rich in water, yet even our own American citizens struggle with lack of water. Again, I, as an eleven year old American citizen, cannot magically grant everyone clean water, but I can speak up. I can write to elected officials. Sure, I'm eleven years old, they might not listen, but Greta Thunberg was only fifteen when she changed the minds of millions. I can do my part to conserve water and raise awareness about these problems even in my own household like advocating my parents vote for elected officials who are aware of these problems and will help solve them.