

## Ages of a River

*We know this doesn't really have a context! Not all our imagery is drawn from the inner city. This prayer follows a river on its journey from source to sea as a metaphor for life's journey.*

God of the ageing river  
Young and gurgling  
thrown this way and that  
by obstacles in the stream  
we encounter you in the exploration  
of childhood curiosity.

God of the ageing river  
Steady and swirling  
moving rapidly  
towards a destination  
we encounter you in the decisions  
of young adulthood.

God of the ageing river  
Full spate,  
passionate, powerful  
a force carving a new channel  
we encounter you in the purposefulness  
of middle age.

God of the ageing river  
Slow,  
meandering,  
horizons ever broadening  
we encounter you in the fullness  
of older age.

God of the ageing river  
**We come from all ages of life  
needing to encounter you  
and receive the water of life.**

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