## A Prayer for the Eel

Spirit of innovation and care,

We gather our hopes, steady our hearts, and send our thoughts to the water.

May this soft robotic eel,

crafted with curiosity, patience, and many late nights,

glide with grace and strength through its liquid world.

Let the seals stay strong,

the servos hum with harmony,

and the code behave just as it should.

May the water be kind,

the currents gentle,

and all unexpected splashes be minor and full of learning.

We ask for calm hands, clear minds, and maybe—just maybe—

a moment of awe as our creation swims.

With gratitude for our team,

our tools,

and the wonder of making things come alive,

we release this eel into the world.

Let it wiggle well.

Let it thrive.

Let it not short out.

Amen, and also... splash.