



3. THRIVING BIODIVERSITY

SECOND SUNDAY OF CREATION, 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

Scripture to Ponder - Psalm 148

What does it mean that all of creation is called upon to praise the Lord? How would praise from "all mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, every wild and tame animal, all reptiles and birds..." manifest?



- ✓ Spread native wildflower seeds on a patch of your garden or replace a section of lawn with a wildflower section. It will save you time mowing and support birds, bees, butterflies, and other small creatures.
- ✓ Consider replacing the cleaning products you use with more natural alternatives. Pay special attention to eliminating products containing glyphosate and metaldehyde.
- ✓ Start a compost heap or compost bin! That single lump of decaying matter can become a whole ecosystem of worms, beetles, flies, woodlice, amphibians, and even reptiles like slow worms and grass snakes.

The Lord be with you...

The garden is rich with diversity
 With plants of a hundred families
 In the space between the trees
 With all the colours and fragrances.
 Basil, mint and lavender,
 Great Mystery keep my remembrance
 pure,
 Raspberry, apple, rose,
 Great Mystery fill my heart with love,
 Dill, anise, tansy,

Holy winds blow in me.
 Rhododendron, zinnia,
 May my prayer be beautiful
 May my remembrance O Great
 Mystery
 Be as incense to thee
 In the sacred grove of eternity
 As I smell and remember
 The ancient forests of earth.

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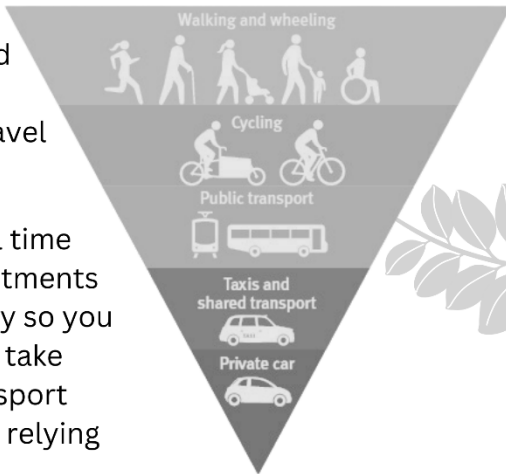
Scripture to Ponder - Acts 9:1-19

The conversion of Saul/Paul is one of the better-known stories in the New Testament. What can we learn about our own lives and interaction with climate justice through the lens of this story? What scales do you have over your eyes? How might God clear your vision to "walk the road" seeing clearly?



✓ Plan trips in advance and research available travel methods.

✓ Build travel time into appointments in your diary so you can walk or take public transport rather than relying on your car.



The Lord be with you...

Holy God, Mother of all, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel and keep us ever mindful of the impact our travel has on your created world. Surround all who venture out this day with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them, in safety, to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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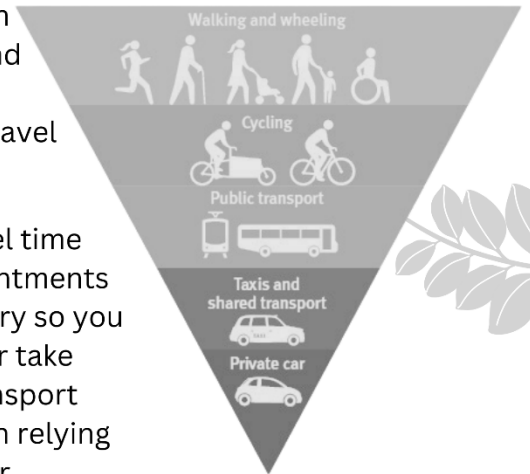
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