



Worksheet for Good Creation Stewardship
'The Earth is the Lord's and Everything in it' Psalm 24:1
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pick at least two or three new actions from each category, or define your own creation stewardship actions, and make a covenant with the Lord to follow them.
2. If you wish, share your journey with a partner or in a group/team.
3. Think about it: changes can be made at home, church, school, office etc. Caring for God's creation intersects with every aspect of our walk of faith. It's easier to change habits in community than on our own.

Lord, help me/us TODAY to:

- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle everything I can.
- Turn off the tap while brushing my teeth or shaving, etc.
- Turn down my boiler (or turn up my A/C) thermostat by 2 or 3 degrees.
- Wash my clothes in the coolest water possible and reduce my use of tumble dryers.
- Turn off the lights and appliances when I leave the room for more than (say) 30 minutes.

My covenant

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Lord, help me/us THIS WEEK to:

- Take a day of rest - no shopping, no work, no driving.
- Bike, walk, carpool or use public transport instead of using my own car.
- Research and change to environmentally friendly cleaning products. Avoid bleach.
- Buy and use recycled paper/materials whenever possible.
- Compost suitable food and other waste.

My covenant

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Lord, help me/us THIS MONTH to:

- Read and meditate on Psalm 23, 24, 104, 147, 148.
- Wait a month and review before deciding to buy 'non-essential' products. When I/we do make such purchases, let me/us buy quality items that will last many years.
- Use low energy light fittings when replacing.
- Review my/our use of disposable plates, cups, cutlery etc.
- Review my/our diet, reduce my/our food consumption & aim to eat more healthily.
- Reduce my/our consumption of food etc imported long distance.
- Donate something useful to someone who needs it more than I/we do.
- 'Up-cycle' some 'waste' items, turning them into something more valuable/useful.

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Lord, help me/us THIS YEAR to:

- Review and reduce my/our use of pesticides and avoid DDT-based sprays etc that are very harmful to the environment.
- Delay replacing cell-phones, computers etc.
- Donate old equipment to a good cause.
- Reduce my/our non-essential air travel.
- Consider off-setting my/our carbon footprint
<http://www.climatestewards.net/cs-int-en/home.html>
- Wherever possible, buy materials & products from certificated sustainable sources.
- Investigate fair trade options for my/our self/family/church/street etc.
- Switch to renewable energy sources.
- Consider how to conserve and promote the well-being of local flora and fauna, taking account of key habitats, threats etc.
- Start or join a local group to help with litter-picking, community gardening, habitat restoration, car/tool-pooling etc

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