

God of love, show us our place  
in this world

as channels of your love for all  
the creatures of this earth.

God of mercy, may we receive  
your forgiveness

and convey your mercy  
throughout our common home.

Praise be to you!

Amen.

— From Pope Francis' World Day of Prayer  
for the Care of Creation, Sept. 1, 2016



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## An A–Z Guide to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Small changes, added together, can make a huge difference in the consumption and waste problem in the world. Are you already part of the solution?

- A**void products with a lot of packaging
- B**uy recycled
- C**lose your curtains in high heat and cold
- D**rive less, walk and use public transit more
- E**at more locally-produced foods
- F**ind what the most climate friendly landscaping is for your area
- G**o “green” in your diet – consider one meatless day a week
- H**old back on using heated water when possible
- I**vest in energy efficient furnaces, air conditioning units, appliances
- J**oin carpools
- K**eep the thermostat in check – a few degrees matter
- L**ook for locally produced products
- M**aintain window and door seals to limit drafts
- N**o more bottled water – filter your own
- O**perate a low-carbon vehicle
- P**lant a garden or a tree
- Q**uit using black trash bags
- R**euse, repurpose
- S**witch to low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators
- T**urn off the lights and electronics when not in use
- U**tilize recycling programs in your community
- V**oice environmental concerns and successes to elected officials
- W**ash cars and water lawns in low temperature hours of the day
- eX**plore the world using as eco-friendly travel options as possible
- praY** for the earth, and those affected by climate change
- Z**ero recyclables to the landfill: cardboard, light bulbs, batteries, food/yard waste, electronics