

Cleaning A Nearby Green Space



Objectives

- This activity promotes environmental action. Through it, the faith community will contribute to reducing the ecological footprint of the neighborhood by picking up litter from a nearby green space.

Length

- Introduction (inside the church): 30 minutes
- Cleaning activity : 90 minutes

Items needed in the church

- A garbage bag to cover a plant that will be placed at the foot of the cross
- Bible for reading

Items needed at the green space:

- Black garbage bags and transparent recycling bags
- Gloves for all participants
- Shovels and rakes
- Trash picker
- Plastic buckets
- Speakers, amplifier and microphone
- Camera

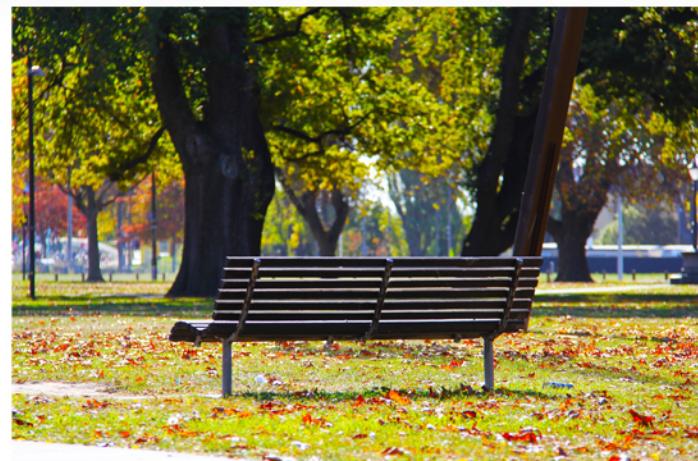
Suggested locations

- Begin in the church building and then move then to a nearby green space

Introduction and welcome (25 min.)

- 1.Welcome the members at the church door
- 2.Word of welcome:

I would like to thank you for your participation today. We are in response to our God, the Creator of all things, who asked us to cultivate the land and keep the earth.) (Genesis 2:15). Our church has, for too long ignored that stewardship role and we wish to demonstrate that praying the Creator and taking care of His creation goes hand in hand.



We'll go outside in a moment, but first we'll read a passage from the book of Isaiah who witnessed the destruction of the environment. As a prophet, he denounced this lack of love for God's creation and announced that changes are possible when people returned to God.

« La terre en deuil se dégrade, le monde entier dépérît et se dégrade, avec la terre dépérissent les hauteurs. La terre a été profanée sous les pieds de ses habitants, car ils ont transgressé les lois, ils ont tourné les préceptes, ils ont rompu l'alliance perpétuelle. C'est pourquoi la malédiction dévore la terre, ceux qui l'habitent en portent la peine. C'est pourquoi les habitants de la terre se consument, il n'en reste que très peu. Le vin nouveau est en deuil, la vigne dépérît, tous les bons vivants gémissent. Le son joyeux des tambourins a cessé, le tumulte des gens en liesse a pris fin, le son joyeux de la harpe a cessé. » (Esaïe 24, 4-8)

3. Le pasteur de la communauté chrétienne offre une bénédiction.
4. Ensuite, un organisateur enlève le sac de poubelle au pied de la croix pour dévoiler la plante. Il ajoute : « Allons dépolluer le jardin d'Éden! »