**ECO-ACTION FOR THE WEEK**

November 20, 2020 – Actions for Our Own Dear Planet



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**Repent our contribution to greenhouse gases** responsible for climate disruption that inordinately affects Earth's poorest. With God’s help, make changes in the ways we travel:

1. **For everyone**

* Limit trips by planning ahead. Car share when possible.
* Use public transportation as often as possible when it is safe.
* Ask at least one federal legislator to investigate and implement ways to improve public transportation. (This issue has a potential for bi-partisan action.)

1. **For drivers**
   * Avoid idling the motor;
   * stay below 60 - 65 mph when highway driving. (Efficiency decreases rapidly above 60 mph.)
   * keep tires properly inflated to improve fuel economy and tire life;
   * use synthetic oil if car-compatible ([myengineneeds.com/what-makes-amsoil-synthetic](http://myengineneeds.com/what-makes-amsoil-synthetic)…);
   * drive smoothly with gentle starts and stops;
   * rather than using AAA, consider using Better World Club, the only roadside assistance club that balances your transportation needs with environmental protection (<https://www.betterworldclub.com/>).
   * If you need a new car, consider purchasing a hybrid or electric model.