

Blessing of the Bicycles

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel:

WHEN THE LIVING CREATURES MOVED, THE WHEELS MOVED BESIDE THEM; AND WHEN THE LIVING CREATURES ROSE FROM THE EARTH, THE WHEELS ROSE. WHEREVER THE SPIRIT WOULD GO, THEY WENT, AND THE WHEELS ROSE ALONG WITH THEM; FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING CREATURES WAS IN THE WHEELS. WHEN THEY MOVED, THE OTHERS MOVED; WHEN THEY STOPPED, THE OTHERS STOPPED; AND WHEN THEY ROSE FROM THE EARTH, THE WHEELS ROSE ALONG WITH THEM; FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING CREATURES WAS IN THE WHEELS.

HOLY WISDOM, HOLY WORD

Thanks be to God

Prayers

EACH PETITION ENDS WITH GOD OF LIFE, AND YOU RESPOND
“HEAR OUR PRAYER”

LET US PRAY,

GOD, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE INHERENT GOODNESS OF NON-MOTORIZED HUMAN POWERED TRANSPORTATION AND GIVE THANKS FOR THE SIMPLE BEAUTY OF THE BICYCLE. ***GOD OF LIFE,***

Hear our prayer.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE LEARNING TO RIDE, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN. KEEP THEM SMART, SAFE AND VISIBLE ON THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD ROADS. ***GOD OF LIFE,***

Hear our prayer.

WE PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF ROAD RAGE, AND BIKE THEFT. AND WE ASK FOR THE STRENGTH TO FORGIVE MEAN PEOPLE. ***GOD OF LIFE,***

Hear our prayer.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO BUILD, REPAIR AND CLEAN OUR BIKES AND THOSE WHO RELY ON BICYCLES TO EARN THEIR LIVING.

GOD OF LIFE,

Hear our prayer.

WE ASK YOUR PROTECTION AND BLESSING ON ALL WHO RIDE; PEDI CABBIES, WEEKEND RIDERS, ATHLETES, HOMELESS FOLKS, STUDENTS, CHILDREN, ECO-WARRIORS, BIKE CO-OP ANARCHISTS, MESSENGERS AND ALL THE OTHERS WHO TAKE TO THE STREETS OF OUR CITY AND REGION, BIKE PATHS, PARKS AND MOUNTAINS. KEEP US SAFE AS WE RIDE, SAFE FROM POTHOLES, CAR DOOR OPENING, MOTORISTS, ANIMALS, AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT MIGHT CAUSE HARM. ***GOD OF LIFE,***

Hear our prayer.

WE ASK YOUR HEALING AND BLESSING ON ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INJURED THIS PAST YEAR WHILE CYCLING..." ***GOD OF LIFE,***

Hear our prayer.

Ghost Bike dedication

(dedicating a "ghost bike" in memory of a fallen rider),

Remembering those who died riding bikes this past year in Ottawa

WE NOW OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED WHILE RIDING...

GOD OF LIFE,

Hear our prayer. AMEN

Blessing

NOW RECEIVE THIS BLESSING AND BLESS ONE ANOTHER BY

REPEATING EACH PHRASE AFTER ME AS I BLESS EACH OF YOU WITH WATER:

MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU..... MAY THE WIND BE EVER AT YOUR BACK.MAY ALL YOUR JOURNEYING BE JOYOUS. AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAINMAY GOD HOLD YOU.... AND YOUR BICYCLES..... IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HAND.

Bicycle bells are rung together at the end of the liturgy.