

***Blessing for the Parking Lot***  
***Northside Associated Ministries – May 4, 2003***

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**You alone, Creating and Recreating One, have made this lot accessible  
for the worship and fellowship of Christ's ecumenical body.**

**You alone, Nudging and Nurturing One, have planted in the hearts of  
your children the vision to respond to Isaiah's call:**

***“Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my  
people's way.”***

**Every vision you have planted, O God –  
like seed in your creation around us.**

**Every obstruction we have moved, O God –  
in awe for your creation around us.**

**The hill has been made low – the crooked, made straight –  
rough ways, made smooth ...**

**Bless this humble lot, Holy Mother and Father of us all,  
that it may safely transport us to worship and celebrate you ...**

**that it may safely return us to the world in which you call us to serve.**

**In Jesus' name, and on the Spirit's way, we pray. *Amen.***