

“Blessed”
Matthew 5:3-12
The Beatitudes

1. *Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.*

Paraphrase: "Blessed are those who humbly recognize their need for God, for they will enter into his kingdom."

*2. Blessed are those who
mourn, for they will be
comforted.*

**Paraphrase: "Blessed are
those who mourn for
_____, for they shall
receive _____."**

3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Paraphrase: "Blessed are those who submit to God as Lord, for they will be heirs to everything God possesses."

*4. Blessed are those who
hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be
filled.*

Paraphrase: "Blessed are those who passionately long for the Lord, Jesus Christ, for he will satisfy their souls."

5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Paraphrase: "Blessed are those who show mercy through forgiveness, kindness and compassion, for they will receive mercy."

6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Paraphrase: "Blessed are those who have been purified from the inside out, being made clean and holy, for they will see God."

7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Paraphrase: "Blessed are those who have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ and who bring this same message of reconciliation to others. All those who have peace with God are called his sons."

8. *Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Paraphrase: "Blessed are those daring enough to openly live for righteousness and suffer persecution, for they will receive the kingdom of heaven."