

**God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve him, so to reap the Kingdom of God.**



## THE BEATITUDES

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| 1) <b>Blessed are the poor in Spirit</b> , for there is the kingdom of heaven                    | 5) <b>Blessed are the Merciful</b> , for they shall obtain mercy  |
| 2) <b>Blessed are those who mourn</b> , for they shall be comforted                              | 6) <b>Blessed are the pure of heart</b> , for they shall see God.   |
| 3) <b>Blessed are the meek</b> , for they shall inherit the earth.                               | 7) <b>Blessed are the peace makers</b> , for they shall be called sons of God.                                |
| 4) <b>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness</b> , for they shall be satisfy. | 8) <b>Blessed are those who are persecuted</b> , for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. |

**The beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices.** It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God **above all else**. **It teaches ust true happiness** is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement - **however beneficial** it may be - such as science, technology, and art, or indeed in any creature, **but in God alone, the source of all good and of all love:** The [Decalogue](#), the [Sermon on the Mount](#), and the [apostolic catechesis](#) describe for us the paths that lead to the Kingdom of heaven. **Sustained by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we tread them, step by step, by everyday acts.** By the working of the Word of Christ, we slowly bear fruit in the Church to the glory of God. **The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching.** They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, **but to the Kingdom of heaven.**

- (1) Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- (2) Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they shall be comforted.
- (3) Blessed are the **meek**, for they shall inherit the earth.
- (4) Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they shall be satisfied.
- (5) Blessed are the **merciful**, for they shall obtain mercy.
- (6) Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they shall see God.
- (7) Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be called sons of God.
- (8) Blessed are those who are **persecuted for righteousness' sake**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men **revile you and persecute you** and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven.<sup>12</sup>

**We truly know what something means when we can re-phrase it in our own words.**

Reference: [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism/p3s1c1a2.htm](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s1c1a2.htm)

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