

The Beatitudes

**The poor in spirit are blessed,
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

**Those who mourn are blessed,
for they will be comforted.**

**The gentle are blessed,
for they will inherit the earth.**

**Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed,
for they will be filled.**

**The merciful are blessed,
for they will be shown mercy.**

**The pure in heart are blessed,
for they will see God.**

**The peacemakers are blessed,
for they will be called sons of God.**

**Those who are persecuted for righteousness are blessed,
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

Matthew 5:3-12 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)