

A blessing for those who come to Jesus

adapted from Matthew 14:14; 5:1-12; 11:28-29

Crowds of people gathered around Jesus, many with illnesses and great need. And when Jesus looked out at the people, he saw them and he felt compassion for them.

And he blessed the people, saying:

Blessed are you who are worn out and ready to give up,
for you are welcome in my kingdom.

Blessed are you who weep, for you will be comforted.

Blessed are you who are gentle,
for even though you didn't push your way to the top,
your inheritance will be great.

Blessed are you who yearn for what's right,
for a day is coming when all will be well
and your longings will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who show mercy,
to employees, to colleagues, to families, and friends,
for mercy will also be shown to you.

Blessed are you whose hearts are pure, for you will see God.

Blessed are you who work for peace,
in your spheres both big and small
for God will call you his children.

Blessed are you who suffer for what is right,
for my kingdom—and all its treasures and gifts—belong to people like
you.

Blessed are you. Blessed are you, just as you are.

Come to me, all who are weary and burdened. And you will find rest for your souls.

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