

What do the blessings mean to you? Then pray!

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Matthew 5 verses 1-12
The 'beatitudes' or 'blessings'

Because they receive God's favour,
How blessed are...
Blessings on...!
Happy are...

- **Those who know their need of God – theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven**
– 'I turn to Christ, I repent of my sins, I renounce evil'
- **Those who have lost what is most dear to them – only then can they be embraced by the One most dear to them**

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Happy are...

- **Those who let themselves be controlled by God – everything is theirs if they belong to Christ**
- **Those who have worked up a good appetite for God – his nourishment lasts for ever**
- **Those who care. At the moment of being 'care-full' they will find themselves cared for**

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- **Those who are right on the inside, in heart and mind and belief. They will see God at work**
- **Those who seek to make peace (like God's Son) – God regards them too as his children**
- **Those whose stand for God inevitably leads to hostility from the unbelieving majority**
– 'I turn to Christ'

'Not only that – count yourselves blessed every time people are horrid to you to get at me.

The truth has come too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable.

Be glad when that happens – even rejoice – for though people don't like it, I do! All heaven applauds. Know that you are in good company.

My prophets and witnesses have always got into that kind of trouble'