

Matt 5:3- NIV and William Barclay

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

O the bliss of the people who have realized their own utter helplessness, and who have put their whole trust in God, for thus alone they can render to God that perfect obedience which will make them citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

O the bliss of the people whose hearts are broken for the world's suffering and for their own sin, and out of their sorrow they will find the joy of God.

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

O the bliss of the people who are always angry at the right time and never angry at the wrong time, who have every instinct, and impulse, and passion under control because they are God-controlled; who have the humility to realize their own ignorance and their own weakness, for such people are kings among humanity.

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

O the bliss of the people who long for total righteousness as a starving person longs for food and as a person perishing of thirst longs for water, for these people will be truly satisfied.

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

O the bliss of the people who get right inside other people until they can see with someone else's eyes, think someone else's thoughts, feel someone else's feelings, for they who do that will find others do the same for them, and will know that that is what God in Jesus Christ has done.

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

O the bliss of the people whose motives are absolutely pure, for they will some day be able to see God.

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

O the bliss of the people who produce right relationships between people, for they are doing Godlike work.

Matthew	Luke
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.	Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.	Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.	Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.