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Good morning everyone

Let's rest in God's presence.....

Blessed are you Lord our God,  
for you have given us life eternal.  
As we rejoice all your blessings  
May we seek to do your will and reveal your glory in the world.  
This we ask in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
AMEN

## Reading

### Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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

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

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

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

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

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

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

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people 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, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Reflection

'Blessed' here is used in three groups of three. 'Blessed' means happy, but also here it means not being subject to fate or circumstance.

The first three 'Blesseds' are about our attitude to the world around us. The poor in spirit are not grabbing, or seeking to get all the time. Those who mourn are people with feeling who care

for others. The meek are gentle in their dealings.

The next three are about relationships. To hunger and thirst for righteousness is to live in right relationships with people and strive for justice. The merciful are forgiving and kind towards others. The pure in heart seek to live God's way.

The final three concern our position in a difficult world. Those who seek peace are those who seek to bring harmony to the world and are the image of God as they reflect his love. Those who endure persecution for righteousness show themselves to be followers of Jesus. Those who remain loyal to God and lose their lives will have life eternal.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

May Christ the light of the world come to us and fill our lives with His glory. May he give us the power to do His will and serve him, whose service is perfect freedom. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us and our loved ones always. AMEN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
In the name of Christ  
AMEN

Blessings  
Vicky