

THE BEATITUDES

(from the *Sermon on the Mount*)

Matthew 5:1-12 (NAB)

¹ When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. ² He began to teach them, saying:

³ **“Blessed are the poor in spirit,** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ **Blessed are they who mourn,** for they will be comforted.

⁵ **Blessed are the meek,** for they will inherit the land.

⁶ **Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,** for they will be satisfied.

⁷ **Blessed are the merciful,** for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ **Blessed are the clean of heart,** for they will see God.

⁹ **Blessed are the peacemakers,** for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ **Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ **Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me.** ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”