

## SATURDAY

### BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

**I READ:** Romans 12:9-18.

Those who live in peace with others do not have bitterness in them and are not easily hurt. Repay no one evil for evil but instead have regard for good things in the sight of all men (Romans 12:17). Peacemakers make big problems into small problems and they make small problems disappear. Peacemakers don't blame others for their conditions, but instead, they believe that all things work together for good (Romans 8:28). It is not easy to be a peacemaker when our surrounding is filled with people with troubled character and the situation is depressing and unpleasant. God wants our presence to bring a positive impact in the midst of our family, our church, our school, our workplace, and the society.

We become people who reconcile broken relationships and who create pleasant and conducive atmospheres. This way, others will change for the better and relationships will be restored.

**I DECLARE:** James 3:18: Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**I DO:** Even though there are people who are not kind towards me, I still want to live in peace with them.

**I PRAY:** I pray so that the churches of God support one another and live in peace with each other.

## SUNDAY

### BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

**I READ:** 2 Timothy 3:10-17.

Apostle Paul is a follower of Jesus who often experienced persecution. He was able to endure all the persecution because he clearly knew the calling in his life, "for me to live is Christ and to die is gain." He did whatever it took for the gospel to reach the nations. In these end times, God's children can also experience various kinds of persecution for living in righteousness. It can be physical, mental or spiritual persecution. Whatever persecution we are experiencing, believe in God's Word that says we will not be tempted beyond what we can bear (1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord will give us strength and He will faithfully stay by our side when that persecution takes place. Continue to focus our eyes on God's calling and the crown we

will receive in eternal life; this will make us strong in times of persecution. Let us learn from the Lord Jesus, Apostle Paul and other biblical characters to endure in faith and stay faithful until the end.

**I DECLARE:** Matthew 5:44: "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you."

**I DO:** I will pray for God's children who are experiencing persecution so that they can continue to trust in the Lord and be strong in facing everything.

**I PRAY:** I pray so that the Lord can send His Angels to places that are difficult for the gospel to enter so that people may repent and believe in the Lord Jesus.



# THE BEATITUDES

## MONDAY

### BLESSED ARE THE POOR BEFORE THE LORD

**I READ:** Philippians 2:5-11.

Clearing oneself is an attitude that reflects someone who is nothing without Him and is poor in spirit (Matthew 5:3). Someone that has this attitude knows that whatever they have (i.e. knowledge, position, successes, talents, blessings, etc.) are because of the grace and mercy of God. God is the provider all the successes and there is nothing that we can boast. Matthew 5:3 states that someone who is poor and realize their need for Him is a happy person because the kingdom of Heaven is theirs. This is possible because the "poor" person is humble and relies fully on Him. Someone who is humble will not complain no matter the situation and will always give thanks no matter how big or small the blessing is. Someone like this pleases God and God will answer the prayer of a person like this. In addition to their prayer being answered, the person will also be given the kingdom of Heaven. Having the kingdom of Heaven means

having God, who is the ruler of the kingdom, by our side. It also means that we will have access to everything in that kingdom.

**I DECLARE:** Philippians 2:7: "...but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."

**I DO:** I will give thanks because of His goodness and grace that are never ending.

**I PRAY:** I will pray so that processes that the Children of God are experiencing will humble their heart and allow them to fully rely on Him.

## TUESDAY

### BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

**I READ:** Proverbs 15:1- 4.

Someone who is gentle is not the same as someone who is weak or indecisive. The word gentle comes from the Greek word *Praus*, which means gentle, humble heart, meekness, caring, and not rough. Someone who is gentle/meek has a few characteristics and they are - 1) This person will have the willingness to suffer for others. Jesus was a good example of this. He suffered and was crucified because of His great love for us. 2) This person will be open to criticism from the Lord. David was a good example of this type of person. When prophet Nathan rebuked David over his sin, David immediately repented and regretted his actions. Someone who is gentle/meek will always accept the truth and will not try to blame others. 3) This person is easily molded. Someone who is gentle/meek

will be open to letting God mold him/her through the different situations that he/she experiences. When one looks at the great characteristics of someone who is meek/gentle, it should not be a surprise that the gentle/meek will inherit the earth. It also means that the meek/gentle will receive great blessings.

**I DECLARE:** Proverbs 15:1: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

**I DO:** I will make be gentle in my words so that I can be a blessing to others.

**I PRAY:** I will pray so that every Christian family can be gentle so that there will be harmony and love in the family.

## WEDNESDAY

### REJOICING BECAUSE YOU ARE HUNGRY AND THIRSTY FOR THE TRUTH

**I READ:** Joshua 1:7-9. Joshua 1:7-9.

In preparing the nation of Israel to enter the Promised Land, Joshua was equipped by the Lord with a command written in Joshua 1:7-9. Joshua and all of the Israelites should not forget to declare, meditate, and do the Lord's commands that are written in the Book of the Law. If they did do it, then the Lord guaranteed good fortune and success in their journey. Besides that, they also had to take caution because there were signs from the scripture that they had to follow. Like Joshua, we need to hunger and thirst after the Word of God, not only on Sundays, but every day. We need to be in a position where if we do not read the Word of God for only one day, we will feel like something is lacking in the day. The Word

of God is the wellspring of life that will fulfill our soul and spirit. Therefore, if anyone has a dry heart, their soul is pining, and their spirit is not on fire, quickly read and meditate on the Word of God fervently each day.

**I DECLARE:** John 8:32: "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

**I DO:** As tired as my body may feel, I will make the commitment to read the Word of God every day.

**I PRAY:** I pray that the truth of the Word of God will free many children of God from bondages of sin and other unworthy actions.

## THURSDAY

### BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

**I READ:** Acts 4:32-37

People today have shifted their focus on the increasing life expenses that they are more reluctant to give and help others. They are anxious of not being able to sufficiently provide for themselves, let alone helping others. However, as children of God, we have to be bold enough to continue practicing mercifulness, regardless of the fact that humans tend to act on the basis of reciprocity. That is, they will act mercifully to those who shown mercy to them. God wants our lives to reflect the early Christians who showed mercy to each other in good and bad times. A merciful person will always give without asking in return, allowing joyfulness and blessings to come upon them. Matthew 5:7

says that "blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." As we give, God will repay us multiple times in ways that we have never expected before.

**I DECLARE:** Acts 20:35B: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**I DO:** God please help me to give with a sincere heart without asking in return.

**I PRAY:** I pray so that the church of God will get more involved in prayer walk to win souls for Him.

## FRIDAY

### BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

**I READ:** Psalm 24:1-6.

The verses above show that the purity of the heart is the thing that makes a person able to see and meet God. The meaning of the word holy is clean, pure, with no stains or defects. It is not easy to have a pure or clean heart because one's heart that is influenced by their thoughts, what is heard, seen and experienced. If those things that are seen, heard, or experienced are negative then the individual is likely to have negative heart. Proverbs 4:23 "Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life" in order to have a pure heart, we need to master our minds with God's Word because God's Word will counter any negative things that the devil fired into our minds. In addition, do not let any negativity such as anger, hurt, resentment, envy to our hearts. If a feeling of negativity appears, discard it and replace

it with a sense of all that is good, true and pleasing to God. The Lord is close to those who have a pure heart. If the Lord is near, then the prayers will be heard and answered by God, and God will be involved in every aspect of the person's life.

**I DECLARE:** Psalm 24:3-4 "Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully."

**I DO:** I will not allow negative feelings to steal the peace that is in my heart.

**I PRAY:** I will pray that God will use and anoint the media for the use of evangelization