

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 PEACE-MAKERS,  
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD. BLESSED ARE THOSE  
WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEIRS IS  
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT  
YOU, PERSECUTE YOU AND FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST  
YOU BECAUSE OF ME. REJOICE AND BE GLAD, BECAUSE GREAT IS YOUR  
REWARD IN HEAVEN, FOR IN THE SAME WAY THEY PERSECUTED THE  
PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU.

# blesseèd

***Serving with the Character of Christ***

***The Beatitudes***  
***Matthew 5***

***THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED***

**blessèd**

## ***Matthew 5:1-12 NIV***



**Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.**

**His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:**

**“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.**

**blessèd**

## ***Matthew 5:1-12 NIV***



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

**Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**



**blessèd**

## ***Matthew 5:1-12 NIV***



**Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are you when people insult you,  
persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil  
against you because of me. Rejoice and be  
glad, because great is your reward in heaven,  
for in the same way they persecuted the  
prophets who were before you.**

**blessèd**

**5,000 Christians Killed  
195,000 Displaced**



**365 Million Living in Persecution**

**We Don't Face This Kind of Persecution**

**A Free Country?**

**Or a Bland Version of Christianity?**

**Are we Declining God's Blessing?**

***Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven.***



**blessèd**

**KEEP DOING GOOD**

***Blessed are those who suffer  
for doing what is right.***



**As Christians, We Can Be Different  
A Righteous Person in an Unrighteous World  
Servanthood, Sacrifice, Mercy-Giving**

***Love your enemies and pray for those who  
persecute you***

**Let the Character of Christ Shine Through**

**blessèd**

**CARRY THE NAME OF JESUS**  
*God blesses you when people  
mock you and persecute you  
...because you are my followers*



**Stand Up and Say: I am a Christian**  
**Persecuted for Jesus' Sake**

*If I were still trying to please people, I would  
not be a servant of Christ.*

**Wear the Opposing Team's Colors**  
**Trust the Outcome to God**



**blessèd**

# **JOYFULLY FOLLOW THE FORERUNNERS**



***know that you are in good company.  
My prophets and witnesses have always  
gotten into this kind of trouble.***

**Leap for Joy**

***They considered it an honor to suffer shame  
for the name of Jesus.***

**Persecution is a Gift**

**We will See Blessing on the Other Side**



**blessèd**

**Trust God in the Waiting**



**KEEP DOING GOOD**

**CARRY THE NAME OF JESUS**

**FOLLOW THE FORERUNNERS**

**Embrace Christlikeness &  
Selfless Servanthood**

**True Happiness**

**The Promise of Prosperity**

**Serve with the Character of Christ**