

Praying the Beatitudes for Those Who Oppose Us



The Beatitudes are rich blessings that make no sense to the natural heart and mind, but the Spirit will reveal their treasures as we listen to Jesus and lean in close to understand His Truth! One of the rich treasures of the Beatitudes is the prayer focus they provide, in praying for ourselves, but also, in praying for others, even those who oppose us, or that we would call an “enemy.”

Use the prayer prompts below to pray for someone with whom you struggle.

May you experience the joy of Kingdom living as you do!

Verse 3

Poor In Spirit / Kingdom of Heaven

Talk to Jesus about places of lack or need in their heart and life.

Ask Jesus to draw them to Himself and to pour out His righteousness, peace and joy in their life.

Pray for them to have a humility of heart before Jesus.

Verse 4

Those who Mourn / Comforted

Talk to Jesus about places where they may be grieving... where sadness has gripped their heart...

Ask Him for His comfort, that He would touch these deep places of mourning inside them with His love, and His comforting presence.

Verse 5

Gentle (Meek) / Inheritance of the Earth

Talk to Jesus about situations and circumstances in their life where they need His strength.

Ask Jesus to help them see the benefits of trusting in Him and to help them lean into His rest.

Ask Him to pour out the blessings of the earth upon them.

Verse 6

Hunger and Thirst / Satisfied

Pray for them to hunger and thirst for righteousness. Pray that they would set aside their desires for anything less than His best.

Praise Jesus ahead of time for the filling and satisfaction that He will bring them.

Verse 7

Merciful / Receive Mercy

Thank Jesus for His flow of mercy in their life, and ask Him to increase it.

Ask Him to reveal places where they are withholding mercy, and for His grace to let it flow from them.

Verse 8

Pure in Heart / See God

Pray for them to have a desire for a pure heart.

Ask for His cleansing blood to wash over any impurities, and that their eyes would be open to see Him, see His love and see His pure way of living.

Verse 9

Peacemakers / Sons of God

Praise Jesus the peace He offers.

Pray that He will bring peace to your relationship, and that you both would enjoy His peace.

Ask Him for wisdom in how to use your resources to be a peacemaker in your relationship.

Verses 10-12

Persecuted / Kingdom of Heaven, Great Reward

Talk to Jesus about anything you may have suffered as you are in relationship with this person.

Thank Him for the way that He suffered for you, and commit to being an ambassador of His love and kingdom to this person, knowing you have a great reward in heaven.

Declare your YES to Jesus' way of relationships.