

The Beatitudes for Parents & Students

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

Parents: I will let go of material possessions and focus on spiritual possessions and teach my children to depend on God and to value people more than possessions.

Students: I will give up things I want and instead use my time to pray, do school work and help my parents and classmates.

Bless are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Parents: I will recognize those things that bring me sorrow and be comforted knowing that God and St. Louis, King of France, will help me in my sorrowing time.

Students: I will talk to those who love me at home and at school and especially to God when I am sad.

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

Parents: I will view my true worth without any material things or people in my life, only then can I clearly see the non-material treasures before me and be content and humble.

Students: I will not see myself as better or lesser than others around me. I will try to always be my best and be okay with who I am. I am one of God's children and God loves me unconditionally and wants me to love as God does.

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

Parents: I will show compassion toward my family members, my children's teachers, and strangers, showing them all fairness so that you will be seen as being just towards all.

Students: I will notice when someone in my family or a fellow student is having a bad day and needs a friend. I will not make fun of them or join in when others do, but instead do what I can to make that person feel better.

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

Parents: I will do all that I can to forgive others in my life at all times, recognizing that I will need forgiveness many times in my life and that God is ever merciful.

Students: I will forgive those who do things that make me sad or angry, remembering that I will need forgiveness from those same people and others for things I may do.

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

Parents: I will keep my mind clean and simple and abandon all preconceived images of others, so honesty and truth will be the root of all relationships.

Students: I will not talk about others, tell falsehoods, or put them down in order to get them into trouble or make myself look good. If I don't have anything good to say I will keep it to myself!

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

Parents: I will work to keep harmony within my family and at school so that peace and reconciliation will extend beyond my home and family.

Students: I will work to bring peace to unpeaceful situations. I will ask for help to do this and remember that God wants us to ask for help to be peacemakers.

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

Parents: I will stay strong for what I believe in and not give into harassment or insults. I will continue to teach my adversaries not only with words but with peaceful actions.

Students: I will not give into the temptation or pressure to do things, that I know in my heart are not right. I will remember that if more people stay strong and do the right things, there will be more things right in the world and less of those things that are wrong.