

BEATITUDE PRAYERS; written by parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima, at the GIFT session on All Saints

Blessed are *families* for they give us strength to face the world.

Blessed are *the compassionate* for they give people hope.

Blessed are *the health care workers* for they are available all the time.

Blessed are *they who mourn* for they need comfort.

Blessed are *the people overcoming physical, mental or social sickness*, for they are the soul of the world.

Blessed are *runners* for they are fast.

Blessed are *the nursing home staff*, for they care for the residents and give TLC 24/7.

Blessed are *the poor* for they don't have everything they need.

Blessed are *those who accept others as they are* for they will be accepted as they are.

Blessed are *those committed to religious life*, for they shall be supported in their mission.

Blessed are *the givers*, for they are not greedy.

Blessed are *GIFT facilitators and participants*, for they are spreading the word of the Lord.

Blessed are *the corrections officers*, for they protect society while putting themselves potentially in harm's way.

Blessed are *hospice workers*, for they guide those in pain.

Blessed are *the sick and dying* for they may suffer.

Blessed are *the hungry of the world*, for they shall be blessed.

Blessed are *my friends*, for they are merciful.

Blessed are *the doctors*, for they have the ability to heal.

Blessed are *the wrestlers*, for they are tough.

Blessed are *the animals*, for they do God's plan for them.

Blessed are *the food preparers*, for they give people a decent meal.

Blessed are *the soldiers in Iraq*, for they protect our country.

Blessed are *the truck drivers*, for they deliver the goods.

Blessed are *the sick*, for they shall find comfort.

Blessed are *policemen*, for they are here to protect us.

Blessed are *the volunteers*, for they help many people.

Blessed are *the youth of our parish*, for they really need divine intervention.

Blessed are *our pets*, for they show us unconditional love.

Blessed are *extended families*, for they help those in need.

Blessed are *single parents*, for they give 24/7 and are not always supported.

Blessed are *the youth ministry group*, for they need all the help they can get.

Blessed are *the health care workers*, for they help people heal and recover.

Blessed are *the lay ministers of the Church*, for they are the future of the Church.

Blessed are *the farmers*, for they grow our food.

Blessed are *true friends*, for they are invaluable, earthly sources of strength.

Blessed are *the givers*, for they are not selfish.

Blessed are *husbands*, for they provide support and friendship.

Blessed are *the unencumbered*, for they put God first.

Blessed are *the special Ed teachers*, for the patience they show.

Blessed are *God's people*, for they need His help.

Blessed are *The Red Cross workers*, for they help people.

Blessed are *our service men and women* for they are trying to bring greater peace to the world.

Blessed are *the elderly*, for they help guide the young.

Blessed are *those who see*, for they shall share their understanding.

Blessed are *the troubled*, for their troubles will be resolved.

Blessed are *the family peacemakers*, for they carry good words and examples to all they meet and live with.

Blessed are *those that volunteer their time*, for they will be rewarded for what they have given up.

Blessed are *the people and animals*, for they believe and trust in God.

Blessed are *Little League coaches*, for they saved my arm from tennis elbow.

Blessed are *the cheerful*, for they keep everyone happy.

Blessed are *the music ministry*, for they have tired fingers.

Blessed are *the coaches*, for they teach us life through sport.

Blessed are *the Patron Saints*, for they perform miracles.

Blessed are *my prayer warriors*, for they comfort and bless me with their support.

Blessed are *the confused*, for they will become enlightened.

Blessed are *the working people*, for they help serve the country.

Blessed are *the people who helped the victims of Katrina*, for they brought comfort and peace to frightened people.

Blessed are *friends*, for they are always there.

Blessed are *the workers of peace*, for they inherit the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are *musicians*, for they make life happy.

Blessed are *the crew*, for they are always there for me.

Blessed are *the nurses*, for they are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help the sick and dying.

Blessed are *our pets*, for they bring us unconditional love and comfort.

Blessed are *the women of the world*, for they are pious.

Blessed are *the poor*, for they will mourn.

(there were several for the following subjects...)

Blessed are the teachers, for they....

**must teach many children.*

**educate our children when we are at work or home.*

**put up with the kids all day long.*

**put up with me.*

**guide our young one.s*

**are the stewards of our children.*

**educate for the future.*

**help our children prepare for the world.*

**give knowledge.*

** care for and educate our children.*

**teach, and touch their student's lives.*

**prepare those who will be our future.*

**teach or children.*

**give us a good education.*

** guide our children on our behalf.*

** are shaping the future of the world.*

Blessed are parents, for they...

**are trying to keep the faith.*

**love and keep me safe.*

**care for us children.*

**teach their children the way of the Lord.*

**help you with things you don't know.*

**care for us.*

**are role models for us.*

**put up with me.*

**have patience and strength.*

**nurture and guide.*

Blessed are parents, for they...(con't)

**forgive us and love us. unconditionally.*

** will rest when their children are grown*

** give me money.*

** taught me the importance of being kind to others.*

** endure.*

** survive and become grandparents, filled*

with love, patience and example.

Blessed are mothers, for they...

**show compassion and unconditional love*

**always know how to heal*

**teach unconditional love in the home*

**are the caregivers of the world*

Blessed are the children, for they...

**are the hope for the future*

**are innocent*

**are precious*

**are our future*

**overlook my faults and love me unconditionally*

**are our future generations*

**don't know better*

**keep the spirit of family alive*

**teach us to be less rigid and stressed, more simple and at ease*

**give us hope*

**are the future of our faith*

**are my best friends*

** are teachers of the truth.*

** give us more reasons to pray.*

Blessed are the caregivers, for they...

**give selflessly.*

**give of themselves for love of others.*

**are meek*

**shall be rewarded*

and finally...

Blessed are *the writers of these prayers*, for they will be surprised by their handiwork.

Blessed are the caregivers, *for they give of themselves for love of others.*

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