

Fortunate Those Who Are Poor In Their Spirit

(Based on the Beatitudes)

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1. For-tu - nate those who are poor in their spir - it,
2. For tu - nate those who show strength in their meek-ness,
3. For-tu - nate those who are o - pen to mer - cy,
4. For-tu - nate those who, as peace - mak - ers, la - bor,

those un - ful - filled in their striv - ings and cares,
tem - per - ing power, not de - ny - ing its worth,
o - pen to en - ter an - oth - er's do - main,
who by no strife and no con - flict are awed,

those whose suc - cess has not sti - fled their long - ing;
nor let - ting ap - a - thy rob them of ac - tion;
there, in com - pas - sion, to reach for for - give - ness;
those who can rec - on - cile, those who are heal - ers;

tru - ly the King - dom of Hea - ven is theirs.
they will pre - vail and in - her - it the earth.
those show - ing mer - cy will mer - cy ob - tain.
such are the ones who are child - ren of God.

For - tu - nate those for whom mourn - ing con - tin - ues,
For - tu - nate those who for right - eous - ness hun - ger,
For - tu - nate those in whose heart there is pure - ness,
For - tu - nate those per - se - cu - ted and hound - ed,

those who can both joy and trag - e - dy see,
hun - ger and thirst as their con - science has willed,
those whose sin - cer - i - ty is no fa - cade.
whose work for jus - tice leads on - ly to snares.

who mourn their weak - ness be - fore death and e - vil;
know - ing this hun - ger may al - ways be with them;
Un - mixed and un - al - loyed, their word is sol - id;
while o - thers look on and moan at their tri - als;

they, in their mourn - ing, shall com - fort - ed be.
hun - ger - ing, thirst - ing, they shall be ful - filled.
for - tu - nate those few, for they will see God.
God knows, the King - dom of Hea - ven is theirs!