



## DEVOTION:

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

**"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are those who mourn,  
For they shall be comforted.**

**Blessed are the meek,  
For they shall inherit the earth.**

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

**Blessed are the merciful,  
For they shall obtain mercy.**

**Blessed are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see God.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers,  
For they shall be called sons of God.**

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

**Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say  
all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.**

**Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in  
heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before  
you.**