

The Beatitudes



These Beatitudes for today are included in the report on the Mercy International Reflection Process which united people across the Mercy world in prayer and reflection on the ‘cry of Earth and the cry of the Poor’.

The report challenges all of us to “take the next steps on this mercy-filled, joy-filled journey in mercy ... to respond by seeing mercy in a new way and by daring mercy in a new way.” (*Review of the Mercy International Reflection Process*. 2017. P 19).

The Beatitudes as we see the world today:

1. **Blessed are those who live from the depths of their being.**
They will see, radiate and attract goodness and know true freedom.
2. **Blessed are those who recognise that our earth is in mourning because of human abuse and destruction.**
They will comfort it.
3. **Blessed are those who recognise their littleness in the whole of the cosmos.**
They shall share in the co-creation of an unfinished universe.
4. **Blessed are those who live in right relationship with all of life.**
They will bring about change in the world.
5. **Blessed are the merciful.**
For they shall know the heart of God.
6. **Blessed are those who are so in God’s love.**
They shall know it is God who lives and acts in them.
7. **Blessed are those who live in harmony with all earth’s creatures.**
They will come to experience a deep peace within themselves.
8. **Blessed are those who seek justice for people who are throwaways in our society.**
They will know the true worth of all of Creation.

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REFLECTION

- > Which of these Beatitudes speaks to you of God’s call to be mercy in the world?
- > How are the cries of the earth and the poor being heard in your heart and your workplace?