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The Beatitudes in the Pandemic

from MATTHEW 5:1-12

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When Jesus saw the national mood, he said:

"Blessed are the locked down, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven;

Blessed are the furloughed, for they will be comforted;

Blessed are those who do not major in complaining, for they will inherit the earth;

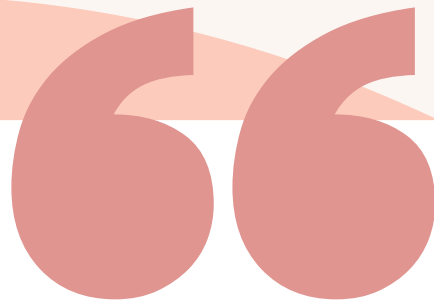


Blessed are those who hunger and thirst to see the right things done in our land, for they will be filled;

Blessed are the generous, for they will receive generosity;

Blessed - always - are the pure in heart, for they will see God;

Blessed are those who spread peace, for they will be called children of God;



Blessed are those who are persecuted for protecting the weak, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven;

Blessed are you when people mock you or make fun of you because you are trying to follow the way of Christ – **rejoice and be glad** – because God is already preparing for you the reward of the kingdom that is coming."