

# BEATITUDES FOR FAMILIES

"A family is an intimate community of life and love, bonded together for life by blood, marriage or adoption." "Families become what you are, the little Church of the Home." Pope John Paul II  
Our World is a Family of Families, of very kind, human, animal and plant. From Pope Francis

Blessed are the poor in spirit .

who value their relationships with children and families of all kinds  
as their most prized possession  
who recognise their dependence on God and make God part of their family life

Blessed are the gentle, men and women,

who recognise that gentleness is the essence of motherhood  
and that fatherhood is a test of a true gentleman

Blessed are they who mourn,

who grieve, because they have known what it is to love and be loved  
who grieve for the destruction of families throughout creation  
who carry their burden of grief as an offering for others

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice

who teach the truth about the rights and responsibilities of all family members  
who uphold the cause of family unity  
who defend the right to life from conception to death  
who recognise the rights of mutual co-existence of all of creation

Blessed are the merciful

who are able to forgive their parents, their children, their spouses and others  
because they know their own failings too.

Blessed are the pure in heart

who value sexuality as God's great gift to all his creatures.  
who do not use or abuse those in their care,  
who live all their relationships with honesty and integrity,

Blessed are the peacemakers

who through learning to manage the day-to-day conflicts of family life  
learn the true nature of peace.  
who strive to restore broken relationships within and between families

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the cause of right

those who suffer, but continue in difficult relationships  
those who are ridiculed and rejected because they uphold the truth  
in their families, society and all of creation

..... for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.