**Dialogued Prayer on the Beatitudes Based on Matthew’s version, Mt. 5:1-12**

Lucy:Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
**All: Keep us from being preoccupied with money and worldly goods, and with trying to increase them at the expense of justice.**

Lucy: Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth."
**All:** **Help us not to be ruthless with one another, and to eliminate the discord and violence that exists in the world around us.**
Lucy: Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
**All:** **Let us not be impatient under our own burdens and unconcerned about the burdens of others**.

Lucy: Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be filled."
**All:** **Make us thirst for you, the fountain of all holiness, and actively spread your influence in our private lives and in society.**Lucy: Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."
**All:** **Grant that we may be quick to forgive and slow to condemn.**Lucy: Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God."
**All:** **Free us from our senses and our evil desires, and help us to fix our eyes on you.**

Lucy: Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."
**All:** **Aid us to make peace in our families, in our country, and in the world.**
Lucy: Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of justice,
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs."
**All:** **Make us willing to suffer for the sake of right rather than to practice injustice; and do not let us discriminate against our neighbours and oppress and persecute them.**

**AMEN**

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