

**OPENING PRAYER**

Matthew 5:3-10

**The Beatitudes**

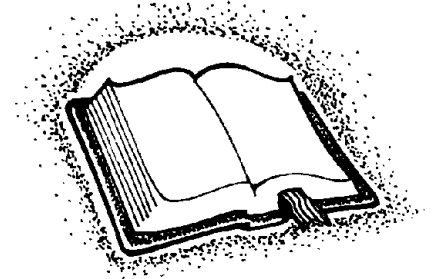
Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called sons of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted because  
of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**REFLECT**

**Saints of the new millennium**

Do not be afraid to be the saints of the new millennium!



Be contemplative, love prayer; be coherent with your faith and generous in the service of your brothers and sisters;  
Be active members of the Church and builders of peace.  
To succeed in this demanding project of life, Continue to listen to his word.  
Draw strength from the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.  
If you believe that Christ has revealed the Father's love for every person,  
You cannot fail to strive to contribute to the building of a new world,  
Founded on the power of love and forgiveness,  
On the struggle against injustice  
And all physical, moral and spiritual distress....

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*Pope John Paul 2*

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Litany of the saints**

**Saints of God.** Pray for us

*Pray and ask the saints to help you.*

*Each person in the group calls out the name of the saint chosen for their confirmation or another favourite saint.*

*The rest of the group responds: Pray for us.*

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