

An Examination of Conscience Based on the Beatitudes

Lord Jesus Christ, you said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God”. Yet we are preoccupied with money and worldly goods and even try to increase them at the expense of justice. *(pause)*

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on me.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said: “Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth”. Yet we are ruthless with each other, and our world is full of discord and violence. *(pause)*

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on me.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted”. Yet we are impatient under our own burdens and, in turn, unconcerned about the burdens of others. *(pause)*

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on me.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be filled. Yet we do not thirst for you, the fountain of all holiness, and are slow to spread your influence in our private lives or in society. *(pause)*

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on me.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy”. Yet we are slow to forgive and quick to condemn. *(pause)*

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on me.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said: “Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God”. Yet we are prisoners of our senses and evil desires and dare not raise our eyes to you. *(pause)*

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on me.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God”. Yet we fail to make peace in ourselves, in our families, in our country, and in our world. *(pause)*

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on me.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said: “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of justice, for the kingdom of God is theirs”. Yet we prefer to practice injustice rather than suffer for the sake of right; we discriminate against our neighbours and oppress and persecute them. *(pause)*

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Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. **Grant me peace.**