

PAULINE BEATITUDES

“...to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

(Gal. 1:5)

Blessed are they who, like Paul, believe that God has a dream for each one of us.

R. They will search for that dream day by day and hold fast to it.

*“Who confers distinction upon you? What do you possess that you have not received?
But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?”*

(1 Cor. 4:7)

Blessed are they who, like Paul, know how to thank God for everything.

R. They will live in humility and peace.

“But whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ.”

(Phil. 3:7)

Blessed are they who, like Paul, consider everything as lost when compared to the profound knowledge of Jesus Christ.

R. They will be stretched into growth by their continual pursuit of Him in everything.

“Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.” (Heb. 12:1-2)

Blessed are they who, like Paul, feel that they have not yet arrived at their goal, and run consistently toward it.

R. They will reach fullness of life.

*“Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all
so as to win over as many as possible.” (1 Cor. 9:19)*

Blessed are they who, free of heart like Paul, make themselves servants of all for the sake of the Gospel.

R. They will find in their journey innumerable friends.

“But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.

(2 Cor. 4:7)

Blessed are they who, like Paul, know that they possess an immense treasure in vessels of clay.

R. They will come face-to-face with extraordinary power from God.

“I know indeed how to live in humble circumstances: I know also how to live with abundance.

(Phil. 4:12)

Blessed are they who, like Paul, have experienced everything in Christ “thirst and hunger, to be poor and to be rich”

R. They will be serene and strong in every situation.

“Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is led to sin, and I am not indignant?” (2 Cor. 11:29)

Blessed are they who, like Paul, face thousands of difficulties for the purpose of announcing the Gospel.

R. At the end of their life, they will be lifted up with the beauty and meaning given by this quest. They will not have lived in vain.