**Beatitudes “Cheat Sheet” 😊**

*According to our Lord Jesus, a truly blessed life displays, or is willing to display, these characteristics (with my paraphrases)*

Blessed are the poor in spirit – Blessed are those who recognize their neediness before God and who humbly look to Him for His help and grace in all things.

Blessed are those who mourn – Blessed are those that grieve over sin and its effects in this world.

Blessed are the meek – Blessed are the gentle and self-controlled.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness – Blessed are those that are greatly motivated to do what is right in God’s eyes.

Blessed are the merciful – Blessed are those that are forgiving and compassionate.

Blessed are the pure in heart – Blessed are those that are single-minded in their devotion to God and who strive to live in moral purity and holiness.

Blessed are the peacemakers – Blessed are those that seek to be instruments of reconciliation and peace in this world.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness – Blessed are those who are willing to suffer for doing what is right.

Blessed are you when people persecute you and do and say evil things to you because of your walk with Christ – Blessed are those that are willing to suffer for the Name of Jesus Christ and the good news that He offers to all.