BEATITUDES FOR MODERN CHRISTIANS

TAKEN FROM POPE FRANCIS' HOMILY 1ST NOVEMBER 2016 ADAPTED MAY 2024





Caritas Ukraine providing emergency aid to displaced communities in Ukraine. Photo: Caritas Ukraine.

"The Beatitudes are in some sense the Christian's identity card. They identify us as followers of Jesus. We are called to be blessed, to be followers of Jesus, to confront the troubles and anxieties of our age with the spirit and love of Jesus. Thus, we ought to be able to recognize and respond to new situations with fresh spiritual energy."

Pope Francis Holy Mass in Swedbank Station, Malmo, 1st November 2016



Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.

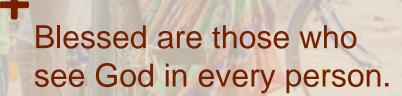


Refuges from Ukraine after arriving at a shelter in Poland. Photo: Philipp Spalek/Caritas Germany.

Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.



Ronita holds up her child in their small home in the Philippines. Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia





Biru poses for a photograph with family members and neighbours at his bicycle repair shop outside his home in his village in the state of Jharkhand, India. Photo: Sameer Bara/Caritas Australia

Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Priscilla holds a millet to water a patch of her vegetable garden at a community nutrition garden near her home in Hwange district, north-western Zimbabwe. Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia.



Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.

Rosalie meeting with members of her community in Democratic Republic of the Congo as the president of Saving and Internal Lending Community group. Photo: Arlette Bashizi/Caritas Australia.





Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

Prayer space at Sandhurst Justice Matters Camp. Photo: Kerry Stone

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