

## BEATITUDES

How can we say. Happy those who mourn.

If a person is in mourning then they are having to deal with the death of somebody that they love.

How then can they be happy dealing with the absence somebody they have trusted over many year .Feeling the isolation of grief .Eating meals to ease the worries of others .Working through each day as a challenge, and finding the effort so difficult.

How then can we say? Happy those who mourn.

And yet the pain that is felt has its basis in love. The loneliness is in contrast to a relationship in which that person was blessed with the physical presence of love Sensations, emotions, hopes and dreams all found their birth in that bond of kindness.

Sometimes the emotions were of anger, sometimes of joy.

Sometimes the hopes were foolish, sometimes just beautiful.

Sometimes the dream became a reality, sometimes they faded with the fuss and bother of daily life.

However the person that mourned lived the hopes.

Had the dreams.

Felt the emotions.

The person who truly mourns has truly loved

The person who truly mourns has truly lived

They have experienced real life and that is a happy blessing.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right.

How can we say this in a world in which so many are hungry. Where people of violence kill and maim .Where busyness provides the guns and rich nations ignore the plight of those who pick their fruit or grow their cotton.

And yet the pain that is felt has its basis in love. Those who hunger for justice feel a sense of solidarity with those who hunger for bread. Those who thirst for change refuse to kill within their hearts the love that God has given each one of us for our fellow human being.

Those who are blessed in this way are not a part of the problem they are part of the solution.

The divine love that they celebrate can be found even in the horror of Auschwitz, or in the agony on the cross.

They are alive to the needs of others and that life is divine.

Happy the merciful.

How can we say this in a time when those who are vulnerable will be taken advantage of .How can the merciful be happy when there is the problem of drugs and drunkenness.

How dare they not be angry.

How can they be free of the mental anxiety that carrying a grudge creates in me.

As I struggle with attempts at making sense of the wrong that others do.

And they let go of the impossible

As they act upon what can be done

When I am constantly frustrated, demanding what should be done

As they live in peace.

In the beatitudes why does Christ refer to these saints as happy.

It is because within this world of shadow they are the ones who are alive.

They are the ones who truly live