
BEATITUDES OF ACCEPTANCE



- † Blessed are you who take time to listen to difficult speech, for you help me to know that if I persevere, I can be understood.
- † Blessed are you who walk with me in public places and ignore the stares of strangers, for in your friendship I feel good to be myself.
- † Blessed are you who never bid me to "hurry up" and, more blessed, you who do not snatch a task from my hands to do it for me, for often I need time rather than help.

- † Blessed are you who stand beside me as I enter new and untried ventures, for my uncertainty will be outweighed by the times I surprise you and me.
- † Blessed are you who ask for my help and realize my giftedness, for my greatest need is to be needed.
- † Blessed are you who help me with the graciousness of Christ, because I sometimes need the help for which I cannot ask.
- † Blessed are you who, in all ways, assure me that what makes me an individual is not my particular disability, but my beautiful God-filled personhood which no disabling condition can confine or define.
- † Rejoice and be glad, for you have helped me believe in myself as valued and gifted person and your understanding and love have opened doors for me to enjoy life to the fullest.

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