

Sermon on the Mount - Poor in Spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

An invitation from God to all humanity to behold and join the story, work, and eternal worship of Jesus.

Matthew 5:1-3

“Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”



CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

A call to acknowledge and forsake sin against God and one another, and an invitation to receive the assurance of a new identity in the finished work of Christ.

CONFESSION

LEADER

Father we look to You.

From your hand, comes true blessing, help, and mercy.

You are the one who opens your mouth today and teaches us truth.

Let us now open our ears and hearts to be formed by You.

(pause and receive)

Father, you bless the poor in spirit.

But we confess that too often we resist acknowledging our need and true poverty, and instead choose pride and self sufficiency.

TOGETHER

Father, forgive us.

LEADER

Your blessing comes to those who mourn over their sin,
yet we ignore our sin and instead seek to self justify.

TOGETHER

Father, forgive us.

LEADER

You've offered to satisfy and bless us with Your righteousness.

Yet too often we hunger and thirst to be right in our own eyes, and on our own terms.

TOGETHER

Father, forgive us.



LEADER

You call us to true identity and real purpose.
But we confess that we have preferred conformity to the patterns of
this world, and as a result, cover the light that
You've made to shine in us.

TOGETHER

Father, forgive us.

ASSURANCE

LEADER

Receive the assurance of your faith:
Jesus sets his eyes on his disciples and says,
"You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world."

You who mourn over your sin,
weep no more in your fear of abandonment.
God will never leave you or forsake you.
God is not ashamed of your poverty or put off by your confession,
but fills up your lack with the blessing of His kingdom.

He who knew no sin became sin for us, and offered us the
righteousness of God.
Rest, and be satisfied in the approval of your Father.

TOGETHER

Thanks be to God!
For yours is the Kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.



BENEDICTION

A blessing from the authority of scripture spoken over the people of God.

Matthew 7:7-8

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”

Your Father who is in heaven gives good things to those who ask Him!

