

Disability Beatitudes: A Responsive Litany

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Blessed are you who take time to listen when communication is difficult,
for God will grant you an understanding heart.

Blessed are you who walk unembarrassed with those who are "different,"
for God will grant you self-acceptance.

Blessed are you who are patient with us who struggle to do things you can do readily,
and blessed are you who do not snatch our tasks from our hands to do them for us,
for God will grant you patience with yourselves.

Blessed are you who encourage and support persons with disabilities in new and
uncertain ventures,
for God will renew your courage to dream and to dare.

Blessed are you who can recognize the gifts and seek the help of those who are weak
and dependent,
for God will heal your fear of future losses.

Blessed are you who freely offer yourselves as eyes for the blind and as hands and legs
for the paralyzed,
for you shall be helped by the blind and the paralyzed.

Blessed are you when you see past physical or mental limitations, defects, or
deformities, and affirm each one's beautiful God-given personhood,
for you will know that God receives even your body as a living sacrifice, holy and
pleasing to Him.

Rejoice and be exceeding glad,
for you will see Christ incarnate in the fellowship of all believers.