

## UPPER DECADES BEATITUDES

Blessed are those who refuse to live in the past, as though everything of significance had happened then and the book of creative living was forever closed.

Blessed are those who look to the future with optimism, face it with courage, go forward with creative determination.

Blessed are those who begin each day with hope, continue each day with optimism, and finish each day with trust in their Heavenly Father.

Blessed are those who look on the bright side of life, who make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks and refuse to let defeat become final.

Blessed are those who begin each day with a fresh start, a new viewpoint, and a strong and vital faith in God.

Blessed are those who continue to grow in Christian life, who remember the words of Isaiah: "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Blessed are those who reject the word 'impossible', remembering that the so-called impossible is often only the untried or the unattempted in life.

Blessed are those who spread gladness instead of sadness, who speak words of optimism instead of pessimism, who light candles of hope instead of torches of despair.

Blessed are you who when you rise above the handicap of age, the limitation of time and place and circumstances and face the future unafraid and undeterred.