

## Weekly Devotion

### Walking the Way of Blessing

Most weeks, we want clarity. We want to know what faithfulness looks like when the world feels unsteady and the voices around us are loud and competing. We want to do the right thing, but the right thing rarely presents itself as a simple choice.

Into that longing, Scripture speaks with surprising gentleness.

Through the prophet Micah, God asks a question that still echoes today: What does the Lord require of you? Not an endless list. Not perfection. Not heroic sacrifice. Just this: do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God. It is simple language for a complex life, an invitation to let faith shape how we move through the world rather than how impressive our beliefs sound.

Then Jesus sits on a hillside and speaks blessing over people who don't feel particularly blessed. The poor in spirit. Those who mourn. The gentle. The merciful. Those who ache for things to be set right. Jesus does not promise them ease or certainty. He promises them God's nearness. Blessing, in this vision, is not a prize for getting life right. It is the assurance that God is present even when life is fragile.

Together, these texts remind us that faith is not about escaping the world's pain or fixing everything at once. Faith is about choosing how we live within it. Justice asks us to notice where harm has become normal. Kindness asks us to respond with compassion rather than indifference. Humility reminds us that we are not the center of the story, and that God continues to work beyond what we can see.

This week, resist the urge to do everything. Instead, choose one faithful step. Speak with care. Listen with intention. Offer mercy where it would be easier to withdraw. Trust that small acts of love are not insignificant, but sacred.

*Blessing is not something you must chase. It is something that meets you as you walk.*

#### Reflection Questions

- Where do I feel most weary right now?
- What might justice, kindness, or humility look like in one ordinary moment this week?
- Where might God already be meeting me, even before I feel ready?

## **Prayer**

Faithful God, teach me to walk your way in the midst of my ordinary days. Help me seek justice with courage, practice kindness with generosity, and walk humbly with trust. Meet me where I am, and shape my life into a blessing. Amen.