BEATITUDES FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

BLESSSED ARE YOU who take time to listen to difficult speech, for you help us to know that if we persevere we can be understood.

BLESSDED ARE YOU who walk with us in public places, and ignore the stares of strangers, for in your friendship we feel good to be ourselves.

BLESSDED ARE YOU who never bid us to "hurry up" and, more blessed, you who do not snatch our tasks from our hands to do them for us, for often we need time rather than help.

BLESSDED ARE YOU who stand beside us as we enter new and untried ventures, for our un-sureness will be outweighed by the times when we surprise ourselves and you.

BLESSDED ARE YOU who ask for our help and realize our giftedness for our greatest need is to be needed.

BLESSDED ARE YOU who help us with the graciousness of Christ, for often we need the help we cannot ask for.

BLESSDED ARE YOU when, by all things, you assure us that what makes us individuals is not our particular disability or difficulty but our beautiful God-given personhood which no handicapping condition can confine.

REJOICE AND BE EXCEEDINGLY GLAD for your understanding and love have opened doors for us to enjoy life to its full and you have helped us believe in ourselves as valued and gifted people.