

## Personal Beatitudes integrative statement example – Philip Hill Aug 5 2018

I come before God seeing him as he really is, myself as I really am, and stand in awe that he doesn't condemn me but values me enough to die for me. I mourn my own failings, how I let him down so often. I mourn the loss of my loved ones, my many inadequacies and the suffering throughout the world some of which is directly or indirectly caused by me. I go out to the world in meekness, as a fellow sinner called to a task. I hunger and thirst to do what is right before God and people. I want to walk with God as a righteous man. I want to stand up for what is right and make the right decisions. I don't do this lightly, I know in a complex world many of the right decisions will have an adverse effect on people and I will be exposing things some people don't want exposed. To those who come out worse off I offer deep compassion and mercy. I also want to be merciful to those I don't know that are in need- to go out of my way to help them when no one else does. I am a peacemaker in my family and outside my family. I want to bring peace wherever I go between people and God, between people and other people. However some people don't want to see the right thing happen and some people don't want peace with me. They've got a different story about me that they are holding on to. I have to accept this and move on. Lord, half the persecution I receive is deserved because of my mistakes along the way, I come before you ashamed and exhausted and helpless without you. And God steps down into my darkness, and offers not a word of condemnation, he fills me anew and reinforces his calling on my life. I re-enter the fray as a highly valued member of the kingdom of heaven, comforted, an inheritor of the earth, with an increasing sense of deep fulfilment, cradled in God's compassion and Mercy and Love, I start to see glimpses of God himself. I am a co-heir with Christ and I know that I am a child of God.

I start to become the Salt of the earth and the light of the world