

# Blessed To Be A Blessing

## 40 Day Prayer Covenant, Part 5

If I'm a disciple of Jesus:

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Dear Father, thank you for your grace that has made me one of your dearly loved children.

By your grace make knowing, loving and obeying you my highest priority.

Empower me to love others the way you love me.

Wash me clean from every sin.

Enable me to praise you, O Lord, with all my heart.

Jesus, be Lord of my life today in new ways, and change me any way you want.

Fill me with your Holy Spirit.

**Make me an instrument of your grace, truth, forgiveness, righteousness, and justice.**

**Use me today for your glory, and to invite others to follow Jesus Christ as Lord.**

**Gracious Father, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20*

*I will bless you... and you will be a blessing... And all the people of the earth will be blessed through you. Genesis 12:2-3*

God blesses me for a purpose, so that I can

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Numbers 18:19

Isaiah 42:6

Isaiah 49:6

Four Competing Visions:

1. Rome: **"Everyone else exists to bless me."**
2. Zealots: **"I want to be in control."**
3. Sadducees: **"I want to get my share."**
4. Pharisees: **"I reject (or isolate myself from) the world."**

*You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It's no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. Matthew 5:13*

1. I bless others by being \_\_\_\_\_

*"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:14-16

2. I bless others by being \_\_\_\_\_

*Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 5:17-20

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

Matthew 22:37-40

3. I am being transformed into a \_\_\_\_\_

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35*

*\*All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted*