Read the ‘Beatitudes’, a collection of sayings of Jesus in Matthew 5:3-12.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
    for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
**4**Blessed are those who mourn,  
    for they will be comforted.  
**5**Blessed are the meek,  
    for they will inherit the earth.  
**6**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
    for they will be filled.  
**7**Blessed are the merciful,  
    for they will be shown mercy.  
**8**Blessed are the pure in heart,  
    for they will see God.  
**9**Blessed are the peacemakers,  
    for they will be called children of God.  
**10**Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
    for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**11**“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12**Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.