

Beatitudes for Stewards of Earth

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- **Blessed are they who reverence all created things as sacred: in God's eyes all creation is good.**
- **Blessed are they who understand that creation is like a beautiful tapestry, with every strand depending on others.**
- **Blessed are they who see the beauty of Earth as a reflection of the beauty of God, who creates it.**
- **Blessed are they who do not waste or spoil Earth's resources, which are for everyone, even those not born yet.**
- **Blessed are they who reverence the air--the breath of God and the Spirit of our life.**
- **Blessed are they who reverence the life-giving waters that sustain the Earth's climate and nourish Earth's inhabitants.**
- **Blessed are they who reverence the soil that supports our homes and our footsteps and yields abundant harvests.**
- **Blessed are they who reverence the trees and other plants that call down the rains, stabilize the soil, and freshen the air.**
- **Blessed are they who reduce what they consume, re-use what they can, and recycle what they can no longer use.**
- **Blessed are they who praise God the Creator in their reverent and gentle use of all things on Earth.**