

The Beatitudes of the Exceptional Child

- **Blessed are you** who take time to listen to difficult speech for you help us to know that if we persevere we can be understood.
- **Blessed are you** who walk with us in public places, and ignore the stares of strangers, for in your companionship we find havens of relaxation.
- **Blessed 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.
- **Bless are you** who stand beside us as we enter new and untried ventures, for our failures will be outweighed by the time when we surprise ourselves and you.
- **Blessed are you** who ask for our help, for our greatest need is to be needed.
- **Blessed are you** who help us with the graciousness of Christ Who did not bruise the reed and quench the flax, for often we need the help we cannot ask for.
- **Blessed are you** when by all these things you assure us that the thing that makes us individuals is not in our peculiar muscles, not in our wounded nervous system, not in our difficulties in learning but in the God-given self which no infirmity can confine.
- **Rejoice and be exceedingly glad** and know that you give us reassurances that could never be spoken in words, for you deal with us as Christ deals with all of His Children.

Blessed are you! Indeed!

---Andre Masse, CSE, NAMR Quarterly, 1968.