

VOTER BEATITUDES

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And seeing the multitudes, He went up to the stage, and when He was set on the podium his countrymen and women came to Him. He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying...

BLESSED are they that **VOTE**, for their personal **VOTE** will make a difference.

BLESSED are the **voters** with pure hearts, who educate and encourage **voters** with apathy and disillusionment to register and **VOTE**, for they shall see a **voter** turnout on Election Day.

BLESSED are the **voters** who are not intimidated by the political machinery, money, and candidate's supporters and vote their conscience, for they shall inherit the fruits of democracy.

BLESSED are they that **VOTE** for the candidate who stands for their rights and views, for they shall receive change in their lives.

BLESSED are the **voters** that mourn for better housing, education, and safer and secured neighborhoods, for they shall be comforted by their winning candidate.

BLESSED are the **voters** who are merciful to candidates who did wrong in the past and who have acknowledged and apologized for those mistakes, for they (voters) shall obtain mercy.

BLESSED are they that hunger after free and fair elections, for they shall inherit prosperity and peace in the land.

BLESSED are the peacemakers during the campaign and on Election Day, for they shall be called patriotic citizens.

BLESSED are the **voters** who are persecuted for **voting** according to their conscience, for theirs is the Power within.

BLESSED are the **voters** who are insulted, called all sort of names and wicked things falsely when they **VOTE** against the corrupt establishment. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in the strength of democracy in the land. Remember that there were citizens before you who were persecuted for standing up for human and civil rights.

*You are the salt of the city, the state, and the country, but if you do not vote, you will lose your power. How will your power to change the status quo be restored? If you don't **VOTE**, your issues will be thrown out of the debate.*

You are the light of the world of democracy - the country that is a superpower. Let your patriotic duty of voting be seen on Election Day, so that young men and women can see the process of democratic elections and praise the smooth transition of government and give glory to the Father and Mother on earth and in heaven.

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