

Station 6: The Peacemakers

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

Matthew 5:9



You're blessed when you show others how to co-operate instead of compete and fight.
That's when you discover who you really are and your place in God's family.

The Message- Eugene H Peterson

Peace-making has to begin with actively building friendships in our communities.

Concretely, this means staying in relationship even with those who are a bit troublesome, different, beaten down by life or simply uninterested in what others have to say.

It can be easy to write people off if we think their actions to address the ecological crisis are divisive or when we feel others are not doing enough.

Peace-making is hard work. Rather than idealizing peace or making many conditions about who deserves it, we can stay engaged with the ecological dilemmas even when it is messy and not easy to move forward.

Blessed are the millions of people around the world who are caring for creation. These quiet "peacemakers" tend our forests, prevent untold illnesses, provide food for the hungry and water for the thirsty, continue to help impoverished communities and prepare for coming environmental threats.