

## Reflection Thursday Week 14 2022

What is this kingdom that Jesus and his apostle proclaim?

*O the bliss of those who have realized their own utter helplessness, who have put their whole trust in God, for thus alone can they render God that perfect obedience which will make them citizens of the Kingdom of God! -William Barclay*

*Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit, the reign of God belongs to you.*

I turned to the empty ones,

what does it mean to be poor in spirit? I asked.

Is there anything good about being that poor?

The poor in spirit replied:

Can God fill anyone who is full?

And how sad if you should suddenly discover  
that you are full of illusions  
instead of filled with truth.

Being poor in spirit means  
having nothing to call your own  
except your poverty.

It is a joyful awareness of your emptiness.

It is the soil of opportunity.

For God has space to work  
in emptiness that is owned.

Being poor in spirit means  
knowing that you are  
so small and dependent.  
needy and powerless.  
that you live with open hands  
and an open heart.

*The Kingdom of God is found in the hearts and lives of all who wish to be true brothers and sisters of the Lord. Only there, where Christ reigns, can we discover the true beauty and splendour of life!!*

O Christ of the Poor in Spirit.

They have no light of their own,  
no wealth of their own.

Yet, because of your glory  
shining within them,  
they will be known in the Kingdom of God.

O Christ of the Poor in Spirit!

Create in my crowded heart  
a space for God!