

The Beatitudes, Re-imagined

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Blessed are you who find beauty outside of the gender binary.

Blessed are you who are constantly misgendered.

Blessed are you who assert your pronouns even when you are tired.

Blessed are you who cherish your energy when the world tries your spirit.

Blessed are you who stay resilient in your fluidity.

Blessed are you who live unapologetically in glitter and rainbows.

Blessed are you who embrace the nuances of identity.

Blessed are you who struggle to survive in a body makes you uncomfortable.

Blessed are you who thrive in the midst of uncertainty.

Blessed are you who embrace the body that liberates your colorful spirit.

Blessed are you who are transitioning in the midst of condemnation and turmoil.

Blessed are you occupy transphobic pulpits and speak truth to power.

Blessed are you who endure traumatic binaries that discount your experience.

Blessed are you who are erased in conversations of gender justice.

Blessed are you who are forced to choose a label that constricts the air that you breathe.

Blessed are you who stretch spiritual imaginations.

Blessed are you who twist and bend and transform normative ways of worship.

Blessed are you who recognize gender-bending as Divine expansiveness.

For since the image of G-d is in all of us, we are birthed into G-d's grace.