

## ***Beatitudes for Friends of People with Disabilities:***

***Blessed*** are you who take the time to listen to difficult speech, for you help me to know that if I persevere I can be understood.

***Blessed*** are you who never bid me to “hurry up” and take my tasks from me and do them for me, for I often need time rather than help.

***Blessed*** are you who stand beside me as I enter new and untried ventures, for my failures will be outweighed by the times I surprise myself and you.

***Blessed*** are you who asked for my help, for my greatest need is to be needed.

***Blessed*** are you who understand that it is difficult for me to put my thoughts into words.

***Blessed*** are you who, with a smile, encourage me to try once more.

***Blessed*** are you who never remind me that today I asked the same question two times.

***Blessed*** are you who respect me and love me as I am, and not like you wish I were.