The Beatitudes of the Pilgrim: Camino de Santiago

We visited the [**Church of St. Stephen**](https://www.roamfarandwide.com/camino-de-santiago-day-4-zubiri-to-pamplona/) which is on the Camino de Santiago (Frances) in the tiny village (eight houses) of[**Zabaldika**](http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:0udk8lvlQgMJ:zabaldika.wixsite.com/zabaldika/story&num=1&hl=en&gl=us&strip=1&vwsrc=0).  We were given the “Beatitudes of the Pilgrim” and “The Way: Parable and Reality” by a nun at the church.  I don’t know the origin of either.  I’ve found them inspirational, during the Camino and after.

The Beatitudes of the Pilgrim

1. Blessed are you pilgrim, if you discover that the “camino” opens your eyes to what is not seen.  
2. Blessed are you pilgrim, if what concerns you most is not to arrive, as to arrive with others.  
3. Blessed are you pilgrim, when you contemplate the “camino” and you discover it is full of names and dawns.  
4. Blessed are you pilgrim, because you have discovered that the authentic “camino” begins when it is completed.  
5. Blessed are you pilgrim, if your knapsack is emptying of things and your heart does not know where to hang up so many feelings and emotions.  
6. Blessed are you pilgrim, if you discover that one step back to help another is more valuable than a hundred forward without seeing what is at your side.  
7. Blessed are you pilgrim, when you don’t have words to give thanks for everything that surprises you at every twist and turn of the way.  
8. Blessed are you pilgrim, if you search for the truth and make of the “camino” a life, and of your life a “way”, in search of the one who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.  
9. Blessed are you pilgrim, if on the way you meet yourself and gift yourself with time, without rushing, so as not to disregard the image in your heart.  
10. Blessed are you pilgrim, if you discover that the “camino” holds a lot of silence; and the silence of prayer; and the prayer of meeting with God who is waiting for you.