DAY BY DAY

Hymn Devotion - February 26

Scripture – 2 Corinthians 4:8-11

 Deuteronomy 33:25

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find, to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day, the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Power;
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
“As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,”
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith’s sweet consolation
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E’er to take, as from a father’s hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

Carolina Sandell Berg (1832-1903)

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 (1856-1934)

 We as humans know all too well how fast our days fleet and moments are in this earthly existence. We have the promise of God that he will help us through these days and we need not fear or worry. We very often do not take Him up on his promise to be with us, guide us and strengthen us through the trials and tribulations of earth. Trust in His promises they are true and everlasting!

1. Not only day by day but also with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. What is found?

3. What do we need to trust in?

4. In trusting what is there no cause to do?

5. What does He give?

6. List the realm of what happens in life:

7. Verse 2: Who is near? With what?

8. A definition of fain is eagerly do something. What will He eagerly do?

 And \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_!

9. What is His name?

10. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

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11. Who laid the charge?

12. Why does He do these things for His Child?

13. Write the quotation:

14. What is that and to who is it made?

15. Verse 3: What do we need help in?

16. State both reasons why:

17. Where are the promises offered?

18. When we are meeting what?

19. E’er is ever. What are we ever to take as from a father’s hand?

20. What are fleeting?

21. What is the end destination?

I’LL PRAISE MY MAKER WHILE I’VE BREATH

Hymn Devotion - February 27

Scripture – Psalm 146:1-2, 5

I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath,
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;
My days of praise shall ne’er be past,
While life, and thought, and being last,
Or immortality endures.

Happy the man whose hopes rely
On Israel’s God: He made the sky,
And earth, and seas, with all their train:
His truth for ever stands secure;
He saves th’oppressed, He feeds the poor,
And none shall find His promise vain.

The Lord has eyes to give the blind;
The Lord supports the sinking mind;
He sends the labr’ing conscience peace;
He helps the stranger in distress,
The widow, and the fatherless,
And grants the pris’ner sweet release.

I’ll praise Him while He lends me breath,
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;
My days of praise shall ne’er be past,
While life, and thought, and being last,
Or immortality endures.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

 The fourth verse is mostly a repeat of the first verse. Praise here can only last as long as we have breath but then nobler powers of eternal life will kick in praise in heaven. We are happy if we rely on the promises of God.

The Maker of earth, sky and sea.

1. How long the Maker be praised?

2. What will happen when our voice is lost in death?

 3. What shall praise then employ?

4. Will days of praise ever be over?

5. What endures?

6. Verse 2: A happy man’s hopes rely on whom?

7. What did He make?

8. What stands secure?

9. What does He do?

10. Will relying on His promises ever be in vain?

11. Verse 3: What does Lord give and what does He support?

12. Who does He give peace?

13. Name three kinds of people does He help?

14. Who does He grant sweet release?

15. Verse 4: What does God lend?

16. What will employ my nobler powers?

SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

Hymn Devotion - February 28

Scripture – Isaiah 12:4-6

 Deuteronomy 2:3

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

What God’s almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne’er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might, Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother’s tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises,
That earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Johann Jakob Schutz (1640-1690)

Translated by Frances Elizabeth Cox

 (1812-1897)

We are comforted in this hymn that an all powerful, loving God looks always over His creation, ever present, ever helping like a mothers tender hand. We are to sing His praises, out loud for everyone to hear, with a joyful heart! To God all praise and glory!!

1. What are we to do to the God who reigns above?

2. List all “The God of” statements:

3. Balm is described as a healing or soothing influence. With what does He fill the soul with?

4. What could be a faithless murmur?

5. What do we give to God?

6. Verse 2: How does God keep what his almighty power has made?

7. How long does God keep His creation?

8. How are things within the kingdom of His might?

9. Verse 3: Where is the Lord?

10. What are all the things God is through all grief distressing?

11. How does Jesus lead His own, His chosen band?

12. Verse 4: What are we to do along our toilsome way?

13. Why?

14. How should our voice be?

15. How is our heart to be?

16. What else has parts to bear?

17. To whom should all praise and glory be given?

GO FORTH

Hymn Devotion – February 29

Scripture – Mark 16:15

Go forth with joy and gladness,
Go forth with love and song;
All honor, praise and glory
To Christ our Lord belong.

*Refrain*

*He has redeemed us by His blood.
Redeemed us from our sin;
Gather all the lost ones to His fold,
O haste, and bring them in.*

Go forth with joy and gladness,
And spread the news afar;
Behold, He sends before us
A bright and lovely star.

*Refrain*

Go forth with joy and gladness,
Proclaim the welcome sound,
Till all shall hear the story
To earth’s remotest bound.

*Refrain*

Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

 We are not only to go forth but our attitude should be that of joy and gladness as we go forth to proclaim the Word of God!

1. How are we to go forth?
2. What all belongs to Christ our Lord?
3. Verse 2: What are we to do when we go forth?
4. What is sent before us?
5. Verse 3: What are we to proclaim?
6. How long are we to go forth proclaiming?
7. Chorus: How did He redeem us?
8. What did He redeem us from?
9. Who are we to gather?
10. How quickly are we to gather them?