

Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"
(things God has shown me today)

Entrust your days and burdens

To God's most loving hand;
 He cares for you while ruling
 The sky, the sea, the land.
 For He who guides the tempests
 Along their thund'rous ways
 Will find for you a pathway
 And guide you all your days.

Rely on God your Savior
 And find your life secure.
 Make His work your foundation
 That your work may endure.
 No anxious thought, no worry,
 No self-tormenting care
 Can win your Father's favor;
 His heart is moved by prayer.

Take heart, have hope, my spirit,
 And do not be dismayed;
 God helps in ev'ry trial
 And makes you unafraid.
 Await His time with patience
 Through darkest hours of night
 Until the sun you hoped for
 Delights your eager sight.

Leave all to His direction;
 His wisdom rules for you
 In ways to rouse your wonder
 At all His love can do.
 Soon He, His promise keeping,
 With wonder-working pow'rs
 Will banish from your spirit
 What gave you troubled hours.

O blessed heir of heaven,
 You'll hear the song resound
 Of endless jubilation
 When you with life are crowned.
 In your right hand your maker
 Will place the victor's palm,
 And you will thank Him gladly
 With heaven's joyful psalm.

Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen
 With joy our spirits bless
 Until we see the ending
 Of all our life's distress.
 And so throughout our lifetime
 Keep us within Your care
 And at our end then bring us
 To heav'n to praise You there.

—Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76
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