

My Loved Ones:

God says in Deuteronomy 33:25 - "As your days are, so shall your strength be." God also says in Joshua 1:9 - "Be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the LORD your god is with you whithersoever you go."

Revival was sweeping through Scandinavia in the mid 1800's. That revival was greatly influenced by the fine hymns that came from Lina Sandell. She was a pastor's daughter. She was sickly, and therefore, stayed more in her father's study than outside playing with her friends. When she was 26, she traveled in a trip with her father by boat to Gothenburg, but the ship gave a sudden lurch, and Lina's father fell overboard and drowned before her very eyes.

She had already written hymns, but now more hymns came from her broken heart with the Lord. Her songs reflect a simple, child-like trust in Jesus with a deep sense of His abiding presence in the midst of difficulties.

Loved ones, here is another hymn that makes tears want to well-up in my eyes. Stop and really reflect on the words, and trust in your Heavenly Father to help you through the trial of Covid and all the trials of life.

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.

Ev'ry 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 Pow'r.
The protection of his child and treasure / is a charge that on himself he laid;
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure," / this the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in ev'ry tribulation / so to trust your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation / offered me within your 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, / 'til I reach the promised land.

Trust Him. He will carry you through and develop something in you.

We love you and are praying for you today.