

*"Six Truths to Begin Each Day"\**

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Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. - *Psalm 143:8 NIV<sup>84</sup>*

*Each morning, remind yourself & others, that through Christ:*

***God's salvation is one day closer.***

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness & put on the armor of light... clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.  
*Romans 13:11-12, 14b NIV<sup>84</sup>*

***God keeps giving mercy & compassion.***

Because of the LORD's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him."  
*Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV<sup>84</sup>*

***God has once again shown kindness to our world.***

... He causes his sun to rise on the evil & the good, & sends rain on the righteous & the unrighteous.  
*Matthew 5:45b NIV<sup>84</sup>*

***There are ultimately only two items on our to-do list.***

Love the Lord your God with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your mind & with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."  
*Mark 12:30-31 NIV<sup>84</sup>*

***We are called to cast, not carry our burdens.***

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.  
*1 Peter 5:6-7 NIV<sup>84</sup>*

***Our weaknesses become windows for God' strength.***

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.  
*2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV<sup>84</sup>*

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. - *Psalm 143:10 NIV<sup>84</sup>*

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