

today



There will be injuries I must *soothe*, and arguments that I must *moderate*.

There will be something broken that I must *fix*, and something lost that I must *find*.

There will be frequent hunger pangs that I must *satisfy*, and thirst that I must *quench*.

There will be spills that I must *clean up*, bottoms that I must *wipe*, accidents that I must *change*, and illnesses that I must *treat*.

today there will be offenses I must *forgive*, forgetfulness I must *overlook*, and hundreds of questions that I must *answer*.

There will be boundaries that only *I* can uphold and schedules that only *I* care to *keep*.

There will be disorder that I must *pull together*, dismay that I must comfort, and disrespect that I must *address*.

today people will yell for help, demanding my presence. I must *run* to the *rescue*.

Sometimes, I'll discover a legitimate emergency, but most of the time, it will be the smallest complaint that will *melt with a kiss*.

today there will be *someone* to *carry*, *someone* to *dress*, *someone* to *help up*, and *someone* to *hold up*.

There will be someone to *teach*, someone to *inspire*, and someone to *appreciate*.

today there will be someone asleep whom I must *wake up*, and someone awake, whom I must *help sleep*.

There will be injustices I must make right, meanness I must restrain, kindness I must encourage, memories I must treasure, and goodness I must *celebrate*.

today there will be wrongs to confess, sinners to love, a *Savior* to *worship*, and grace to receive.

today my work as a mother strangely and beautifully resembles God's work as our *Heavenly Father*.

today my occupation is **His** occupation; my service, **His** own.

And today, *if this is all I accomplish*, I must fall asleep feeling **quite satisfied** indeed.

today I can do these anticipated tasks with joy and gratitude, because **God Himself** wakes me up in the morning, **feeds me** with the Living Bread, gives me **good work** to do, soothes my weary heart, and **runs to my rescue** whenever I call for help.

