

Louisville April 16th 1847
 William Lloyd

My Dear Son

I, your affectionate Mother, after a long, and painful Illness, and being, - on my Death Bed, as I suppose, feel desirous, of leaving you a letter, containing, the sentiments, of my affectionate regard for you, and my dying advice to you, which letter, I hope you will preserve, as a memorial, of your dying Mother, and often read it, and may it be sanctified to you, and may it lead you to reflect, on your latter end, and to prayer to the God of all grace that he would, incline your mind in his Holy way.

and now, my dear Child, ever cherish the remembrance, of your departed Mother, and Love, Honor and obey your Dear Father. be kind and affectionate to your Brothers, your Grand Parents & all your friends and relatives, and O, above all things seek to know, to Love, and Glorify, your Heavenly Father. O. remember your Creator, in the days of your youth, before the evil day

come, and the years, draw nigh, when
 you will be constrained, to say I have
 no pleasure in them, make a constant
 practice of reading the Holy Scriptures,
 take the word of God as your guide
 for they and they only are able, to make
 wise unto Salvation, through faith which
 is in Christ Jesus, give a constant
 attendance, at the House of God, attend
 with care on all the ordinances of
 his grace, and O seek to be reconciled,
 to God, by the death of his Son, who
 shed his precious Blood to redeem us
 from all sin, and to present us
 faultless, before the throne of his glory,
 with exceeding joy, my Son, shun all
 wicked and profane company, for they
 will lead you down, to the chambers
 of eternal Death, remember the Sabbath
 day to keep it Holy, learn all the
 commandments, of the Lord, and strive
 with all your Powers to obey them,
 seek early, the religion, of the
 Lord Jesus Christ, for he hath said,
 they that seek me early, shall find
 me, and O, that the Spirit of all
 grace would keep you in his love
 and guide you with his counsel

into all truth, and sanctify you
 throughout, in soul, body, and spirit, and
 make you meet, to be a partaker
 of the inheritance of the saints, in light,
 and O. may the Lord Jesus Christ,
 the angel, of the New Covenant, who
 hath redeemed my soul, be your
 redeemer, and may you be enabled
 to take him, as your Profit, Priest,
 and King, and your only Saviour,
 and O. may you live. So. believe and
 so act, as that when you shall come
 to die, may you be received, into
 everlasting habitations, through riches
 of grace, in Christ Jesus, and unite
 with me, and your dear little,
 Brother, and sister, who has gone before
 us, in singing Salvation, to him who
 sitteth, on the Throne, & to the Lamb
 for ever & for ever, is the fervent
 prayer of your very affectionate Aying
 Mother
 Martha Hays

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