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**Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28 (CEB)**

Blessed with toil?

This Bible verse is an invitation from Jesus, to which we at radio m add our own voice. To me it belongs to one of the greatest Bible verses of all: all those who feel burdened are invited! They are called to turn to Jesus and thereby to find rest. He will personally show them what life is about. Trusting God for ease and gentleness instead of a burdened self-satisfaction.

Originally this text was about being literally overloaded. Luther's sensitive translation, however, points to something else. It speaks to those who are struggling with life. When one relates this struggling to a person and not to a thing, it becomes a curious turn of phrase which fits perfectly into our own time frame. Are we not all somehow "toil-blessed" and yet almost relish this toil? Especially in the church! Some of those who take on voluntary duties have so

much to do, they no longer grasp what this invitation means. Many of them cling to these duties and even don't want to give them up. Such responsibilities make us important – so long as we don't break down under the load.

But if we are so overloaded, what credibility do we have in bringing the message of ease and rest which Christ offers? How can we offer this refreshing rest when we are "gasping with our last breath"? How good it is that this invitation is for everyone – also for you and me!

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I GIVE THANKS

- for this wonderful invitation
- for the possibility to pass on this invitation through radio and other modern forms of media
- for all the refreshing rest which I have experienced in life
- for the freedom and self-confidence packed into this Bible text
- for all the people who help to carry my burden, and who show me how ease and trust in God works

I PRAY

- for ever new opportunities to make this invitation known to others
- for all those from our church and from others who, through the media, take on this task
- that God grants his church a cheerful "foolishness", out of which a calm trust in God produces responsible people

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