

## **Devotions 2024: April 22 to April 28**

*For daily devotions I am going to start using 60 days of prayer published by Guideposts.*

### **Monday:** Spiritual Roadblocks

*Isaiah 59:2 – But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.*

Is anything creating distance between you and God? Pay attention to areas in your life that are separating you and take steps to overcome them. By making Him your priority and asking for His help, you can remove any blocks that are obstructing your relationship.

*Prayer: Dear Lord, help me release the things that hinder my faith journey.*

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### **Tuesday:** Seeing With Faith

*Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

Your perception has a profound impact on your faith journey. Decide to see through the lens of faith rather than relying solely on what your physical senses tell you. Allow your perception to be shaped by the promises of God's Word, trusting that His plans are greater than what meets the eye.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, I surrender my limited perception to You. Grant me the wisdom to view situations through the lens of faith.*

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**Wednesday:**                   The Gift of Peace

*John 14:27(NLT) – “I am leaving you with a gift-peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”*

Trusting Jesus completely and obeying Him is a lifelong process. As you enjoy His gift of peace more frequently, you can live each moment confidently and trust in His comforting presence. His Word and prayer will uplift and inspire you to keep moving forward.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, because of You, I am calm no matter what’s going on around me. Your peace lives deep inside my heart.*

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**Thursday:**                   Patience in the Waiting

*Romans 8:25 – But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.*

Times of waiting can be challenging exercise that build your trust in God’s perfect plan. Allow patience to shape your character, teaching you perseverance and faith. Embrace this season as an opportunity for growth and preparation.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant me the grace to embrace the waiting season as an opportunity for spiritual growth, knowing that You are working behind the scenes.*

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**Friday:**                   The Wisdom of Trees

*Psalms 1:3 – That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither-whatever they do prospers.*

Like a tree, you are rooted in the soil of experiences, drawing nourishment from God’s Word and His love. Even in the face of storms and harsh weather, remember that your roots in faith keep you grounded. Let the image of a strong, resilient tree serve as a reminder of your strength and potential for growth.

Prayer: *Lord, guide me to be like the tree, rooted in Your Word, bearing fruits of love, patience, and kindness.*

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**Saturday:**           The Power of Good Judgment

*James 1:5 (ESV) – If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

Good judgment comes from trusting in the Lord and not relying solely on your own understanding. It's easy to be swayed by worldly perspectives, but God's wisdom surpasses all. Allow Him to guide your decisions and lead you along the right path. With His wisdom, your judgement will be sound and your choices blessed.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, guide my thoughts and decisions at align with Your will and purpose for my life.*

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**Sunday:**           Joy in Every Moment

*Psalms 118:24 (ESV) – This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Joy is not dependent on external circumstances, but rather a choice to find gratitude in every moment. Look for His blessings, the beauty in nature, and the love of those around you. Choose to approach each day with a heart full of joy, knowing that God is present and working in every situation.

Prayer: *Gracious God, open my eyes to Your presence in life's ordinary and extraordinary moments.*

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