## **Devotions 2024: January 29 to February 4**

For daily devotions I am going to start using <u>60 days of prayer</u> published by Guideposts.

**Monday:** Carry Out the Good Works

Ephesians 2:10 – For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

You were created with a unique purpose, designed to fulfill the good works God has planned for you. As you seek His guidance, you will discover your life's calling and how to serve Him. Embrace the gentle whisper of God's voice as He leads you on a path of fulfillment.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I am ready to carry out the good works You have planned for me.

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**Tuesday:** Finding God in Nature's Stillness

Psalm 46:10 – He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Slow down and appreciate the wonders of God's creation. As you observe the snow-covered landscapes and the peaceful silence of nature, reflect on God's presence. Allow the tranquility of winter's beauty to draw you closer to God, finding strength in His loving embrace.

Prayer: Lord, thank You forth beauty of winter and the stillness it brings.

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**Wednesday:** God's Love Knows No Bounds

James 1:17 – Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Norman Vincent Peale said, "God's blessings are dispensed according to the riches of His grace, not according to the depth of our faith. So let us never doubt that we are blessed beyond measure, for His love knows no bounds." Take a moment and thank Him for the blessings in your life. His gifts are not dependent on your faith, but are a testament to His boundless love.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me see Your hand in every good thing in my life.

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**Thursday:** Overflowing with Hope

Romans 15:13 (ESV) – May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy spirit you may abound in hope.

Your faith is a compass guiding you through the twists and turns of life. You can find solace and joy in your heart by trusting God's Word and seeking His guidance. Let the power of the Holy Spirit be the force that directs you toward hope.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of hope that brings joy and peace into my life.

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**Friday:** Cherish Everyday Blessings

Ecclesiastes 9:7 (ESV) – Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do.

When the life's lively pace has you feeling stressed, take a moment and center your thoughts on the treasures that enrich your life. Appreciate the day's simple pleasures. Trust that God is always by your side, providing support and guidance.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, I am grateful for Your blessings and cherish the many treasures You give me.

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**Saturday:** The Power of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Each day is a beautiful time to experience the power of Jesus, who brings renewal and redemption into your life. Engage in prayer and devotion. Open your heart to the spiritual rebirth that his presence promises.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, guide my actions and thoughts so that I may share Your love and grace with those around me.

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## **Sunday:** A Season of Forgiveness

Colossians 3:13 - Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Each season of the year is an opportunity to forgive yourself and others as you remember the grace and mercy that God has shown you. When you let go of the past hurts and choose forgive, you open your heart to healing, peace and the joy of renewed relationships.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of forgiveness, which brings healing and reconciliation in my life.

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