## **Devotions 2024: February 26 to March 3**

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

Monday: Greater Than Human Understanding

1 Corinthians 2:8 - None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

The wisdom of God often goes misunderstood by the world. Yet, in the mystery of His wisdom, god orchestrated the greatest act of love; the crucifixion of Jesus, the Lord of Glory. When you feel misunderstood or rejected, remember that God's wisdom and plans are far greater than human understanding.

Prayer: Lord of Glory, grant me the faith to trust in Your Wisdom, even when I do not understand. Help me to see Your hand at work in all circumstances, knowing that Your plans for me are perfect.

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#### Tuesday: A Beloved Child of God

Romans 8:15 - The spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

You are a beloved child of God. The Spirit of God has brought you into His family, giving you the privilege of calling Him "Abba, Father." Embrace this divine relationship, knowing that you are deeply loved and cherished by your Heavenly Father.

Prayer: Abba, Father, help me to remember each and every day that I am Your beloved child, free from fear and filled with Your love.

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### Wednesday: According to His Purpose

*Romans* 8:28 - *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.* 

Embrace life's journey with faith and confidence, knowing that each step you take is a part of His grand design, leading you toward greater growth, fulfillment, and ultimately, your divine destiny. Trust in His purpose and let your life reflect His glory.

Prayer: Dear lord, give me clarity and guidance in all that I do.

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Thursday: A bonus Day of Grace

*Ephesians* 2:8 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Consider leap day as a bonus day of grace. Use today as an opportunity to reflect on God's abundant grace, which has saved you through faith. Make an effort to show grace to others, just as God has shown grace to you.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for today! Help me reflect Your love in my actions.

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# Friday: In His Presence

Genesis 3:9-10 - But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are You?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

God is always seeking you, calling out to you even when you try to hide from Him. Do not let guilt or fear keep you from His presence. Instead, respond to His call with honesty and integrity. Remember, His grace is sufficient to turn your trials into triumphs.

Prayer: Dear Lord, guide me out of the shadows of fear and guilt into Your loving presence.

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#### Saturday: Courage and Strength

Joshua 1:9 – Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

God calls you to be strong and courageous, not because of your own abilities, but because He is with you. His presence gives you the courage to face any situation without fear or discouragement.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your promise to be with me. Give me the strength and courage to face any situation with confidence in You.

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**Sunday:** The Gift of Righteousness

*Romans* 6:15 – What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

Grace does not give you an excuse to continue to sin, but rather it empowers you to resist and overcome it. When you accept God's grace, you undergo a transformation from the inside out. The Holy spirit dwells within you, guiding and convicting you of wrongdoing. Your desire to align with God's will grows as your connection to Him strengthens.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your incredible grace that saves and transforms me.

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