## **Devotions 2024: February 19 to February 25**

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

**Monday:** The Power of Humility

Micah 6:8 (NKJV) – He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

God calls you to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him. This is not just a suggestion, but a requirement for those who follow Him. As you humble yourself before Him, strive for justice, and show mercy to others, you reflect His heart to the world around you.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me to follow Your guidance so that my thoughts and actions reflect Your heart in all I do.

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**Tuesday:** It Is Okay to Make Mistakes

Romans 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Making mistakes is part of being human. Each mistake you make is an opportunity for growth, a chance to learn and become better. Take heart in knowing that God's grace is sufficient for you, His power is made perfect in your weakness, and His lovingly uses our mistakes for our good and His glory.

Prayer: Lord, I acknowledge that I am imperfect and prone to mistakes. I thank You for Your grace that covers my shortcomings and Your patience with me as I learn and grow.

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**Wednesday:** Let Go of Control

Proverbs 19:21 - Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Although you may have many plans in your heart, ultimately God's purpose prevails. Instead of trying to control every outcome, surrender your plans to Him. Find peace and assurance knowing that He is in control and His purpose cannot be stopped.

Prayer: Lord, it is so easy for me to want to control everything. Help me to let go and trust in Your sovereignty.

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**Thursday:** Living in His Love

Psalm 86:15 (ESV) – But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

God is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, and overflowing with steadfast love and faithfulness. This is His character. As you live in His love, you experience His mercy, grace and faithfulness in every area of your life.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, may Your love transform my life and fill me with the peace that comes with living in Your presence.

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Friday: A Simple Secret

Isaiah 43:2 (NLT) — When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale once said the secret of life is "to have faith in faith." By following the teachings of the Bible, we learn that faith can conquer any challenge that comes our way. With a strong belief in ourselves and our abilities, we can achieve incredible things in life.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I let go of all doubts and trust You. I have faith in faith.

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**Saturday:** Alive to God

Romans 6:11 - In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Throughout the Lenten Season, your identity is renewed through His resurrection. You are no longer bound by sin but have been given new life through Him. Remember this truth and let His love and righteousness flow through you.

Prayer: Lord, may I live each day mindful of the power of Your resurrection.

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**Sunday:** See the Unseen

Matthew 6:6 - But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Often, it is in quiet, unseen moments that we find true intimacy with God. He sees and hears everything, even when it seems no one else does. Take comfort knowing that your prayers are heard, and God will reward your faithfulness.

Prayer: Father, guide me to seek You in the quiet moments; to trust in the unseen.

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