

Devotions 2024: March 11 to March 17

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

Monday: Standing on God's Promises

Joshua 21:45 - Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

Just as God fulfilled every one of His promises to Israel, He will fulfill His promises to you. Let His words be your guiding light and source of hope. Stand firm on His promises, and trust in His perfect timing.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant me the patience and perseverance to wait for Your promises to be fulfilled.

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Tuesday: Love Your Enemies

Luke 6:27 - But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.

Loving your enemies means choosing to treat them with kindness, compassion and forgiveness, just as God has shown us His love and grace. Though it can be challenging to let go of feelings of anger and resentment, you can rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you.

Prayer: Dear god, grant me the strength to love my enemies and show them Your compassion and forgiveness.

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Wednesday: A Thousand Generations

Deuteronomy 7:9 - Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, Keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments.

God's covenant of love for a thousand generations show that His love surpasses our understanding. When doubts arise in your mind, hold onto the assurance of His steadfast loyalty and trust that He is faithful.

Prayer: *Lord, You are my God, and I am grateful for Your love.*

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Thursday: The Depth of God's Love

John 3:16 (ESV) – for God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Let this verse anchor you in your faith journey, reminding you of your significance to God. His love calls you to respond, to believe and to surrender your worries and fears completely to Him. Embrace His love and walk confidently knowing that you are deeply loved by the Creator of the universe.

Prayer: *Lord, help me to fully grasp the depth of Your love and the magnitude of what You have done for me.*

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Friday: Follow God's Little Instructions

Isaiah 31:21 - Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Sometimes we think that God's directions must be big and life-changing, but often they come in small nudges and chances to help others. When we follow His guidance, we become closer to Him and stay aligned with His teachings.

Prayer: *Lord, I want to hear Your directions and follow Your instructions to bring Your loving light right here on earth.*

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Saturday: Be Made Whole

Matthew 14:36 (KJV) – And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

The above verse reminds you that if you want to be a better person, reach out and touch God. If your desire is real, you will be made perfectly whole. You will no longer be defeated by your fears or feel confused by inner conflict. God will bring healing and wholeness to every aspect of your life.

Prayer: Dear Lord, I reach out to You today for healing and help on this journey. When I let my fears get in the way, remind me to reach out to You so that I can be perfectly whole.

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Sunday: The Armor of Faith

Ephesians 6:16 - In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Today reflect on St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer, a powerful testament to carrying faith as armor. Just as St. Patrick invoked Christ's presence in every aspect of his life, you too can carry your faith as your shield. Let your beliefs guide you in your daily battles, protecting you from harm and leading you toward victory.

Prayer: Lord, I pray that you strengthen my faith so it serves as my shield, guiding and protecting me in all aspects of my life.

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St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer

*"As I arise today,
may the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God uphold me,
the wisdom of God guide me.
May the eye of God look before me,
the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.*

*May the hand of God protect me,
the way of God lie before me,
the shield of God defend me,
the host of God save me.
May Christ shield me today.*

*Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,
Christ when I stand,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen."*