

Devotions 2024: March 18 to March 24

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

Monday: Trust in His Timing

Isaiah 43:31 (KJV) – But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Waiting on God is not about inactivity; it is about trusting in His perfect timing. It is a time of expectation, a time of hope. As you surrender your plans to Him and trust in His timing, he promises to renew your strength. You will not only endure, but soar high, run without growing weary, and walk without fainting.

Prayer: Lord, help me to trust in Your perfect timing. Guide me to wait upon You with hope and expectation, knowing that You will renew my strength.

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Tuesday: Accept God's Plan

Romans 9:33 - As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame."

Your expectations hold great power. Often, we tend to focus on what we believe God should be doing in a given situation rather than accepting and understanding what He is actually doing. Seeking God through our own efforts can lead to defeat and failure, but placing our faith in Christ's dependence can bring us righteousness and salvation.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I surrender myself into Your hands. Through faith and humble dependence upon You, I will not slip and fall.

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Wednesday: Hope in God

Romans 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible teaches us that hope originates from God. When we put our faith in Him, He blesses us with inner peace and joy and fills us with hope. Open your heart and trust in God. Allow His hope to overflow within you.

Prayer: *I trust in You, Lord. Bless me with Your joy, peace and hope.*

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Thursday: Remove Barriers to Prayer

Psalms 119:10 (NLT) – I have tried hard to find you; do not let me wander from your commands.

Sometimes we place roadblocks on our prayer journey. We may come up with reasons such as being too busy, exhausted or distracted, but in reality, these things can actually help us pray. If there is something holding you back from devoting more time to your faith, seek God's assistance and ask for His guidance.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, give me the grace to change, and help me remember what an amazing gift it is to spend time with You.*

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Friday: God's Love in Action

Colossians 3:12 - Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

You are chosen by God, dearly loved and called to embody His love through compassion. Nothing can stand in your way if you respond to God's call to love one another as He has loved you. Be a conduit for the power that heals, uplifts, and brings people closer to God's heart.

Prayer: *Lord, help me to be an instrument of Your grace. Grant me the patience to show compassion, even when it is challenging, knowing that in doing so, I am becoming more like You.*

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Saturday: Be Fully Present

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Right now is the most important moment. Time moves forward, reminding us to treasure each experience. As each of us navigates different circumstances, remember that in God's eyes, we are all under the same sky, sharing the same time in His presence.

Prayer: *Lord, each moment is a gift, and I will treasure every experience.*

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Sunday: Embrace His Grace

Luke 22:61-62 - "The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him; 'Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly."

Even when you falter and deny your faith in moments of fear, like Peter during Jesus' trial, remember that God's grace is abundant. His forgiveness is not based on your perfection, but on His love for you. Embrace His grace, seek His forgiveness and let it transform you.

Prayer: *Lord, help me to learn from my failures, seek Your forgiveness and embrace Your grace, just like Peter did.*

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