#### **Devotions 2024: March 25 to March 31**

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

#### **Monday:** A Tale of Acceptance

John 4:10 - Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Like the Samaritan woman at the well, there may be times when feel marginalized or judge. Remember that Jesus accepts and loves you as you are. His love offers you acceptance and salvation.

Prayer: Lord, help me to accept others as they are, and to show Your love to them.

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# Tuesday: Seek God's Wisdom

John 3:2 - He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

Just like Nicodemus, who sought Jesus in the night, you too may have questions and doubts. But remember, seeking God's wisdom is a journey, often filled with questions. Embrace these questions and seek His wisdom.

Prayer: Lord, help me to embrace my questions and seek Your wisdom.

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Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week

Mark 14:36 - "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Today, Wednesday of Holy Week, reflect on Jesus' quiet preparation and the depth of His surrender, even in the face of unimaginable suffering. Let it inspire you to surrender your own struggles and fears to God, trusting in His divine plan.

Prayer: Dear Lord, give me the strength to trust in Your will.

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**Thursday:** An Act of Humility

Luke 7:38 - As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to set his feel with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When you feel burdened by guilt, remember Mary Magdalene. Her act of washing Jesus' feet with her tears was a powerful demonstration of repentance and humility. Embrace such humility and seek God's forgiveness.

Prayer: Lord, help me to seek Your forgiveness with a humble heart.

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Friday: You Are Healed

Isaiah 53:5 - But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

On Good Friday, remember the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for you on the cross. His suffering and death were not in vain but were for your salvation. Through His wounds, you are healed, and through His death, you have life.

Prayer: Lord, on this Good Friday, I am reminded of Your great love for me, shown through Your ultimate sacrifice.

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# **Saturday:** A Day of Waiting

Lamentations 3:24-26 - I say to myself, :The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Holy Saturday is a day of waiting, a day that sits between the sorrow of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday. In this time of waiting, remember that God's plans are unfolding even when you cannot see them. Hold on to hope, knowing that the dawn of resurrection is near.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, in times of waiting, help me to trust in Your perfect timing and hold onto hope.

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### **Sunday:** A Blessed Easter

John 11:25 - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

On this beautiful Easter day, feel the power of the Resurrection and know how deeply and unconditionally you are loved. Let your heart be filled with hope and gratitude, for His love knows no bounds.

Prayer: Lord, help me to remember the true meaning of Easter; that Jesus conquered death and offers us eternal life. May this truth fill my heart with awe and wonder, deepening my love and devotion for you.

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