

Devotions 2024: April 1 to April 7

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

Monday: Seek God's Truth

Psalm 14:1 (ESV) – The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

Today, on April Fools' Day, focus on the importance of wisdom and discernment. Are there areas where you have allowed foolishness to take root, denying or neglecting God's presence and guidance? Examine your heart and ask God to lead you to choices that align with His will.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant me the wisdom to recognize and seek Your truth. Help me to walk in Your ways and bring glory to Your name.

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Tuesday: The Perfect Path

Psalm 25:4 - Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

Surrendering control to God takes patience, bravery, and faith. When you place your confidence in His wisdom rather than relying on your limited understanding, you open the way for Him to lead you on a fulfilled and faith-filled journey.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, help me let go of my desire, for control and place my trust in You.*

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Wednesday: Hope and Light

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Reflect on this verse. Jesus, the Word, existed from the very beginning. Through Him, all things were created. When you are going through a challenging time, despite the darkness you may feel, the light of Christ remains unconquerable. He gives hope and illumination in every situation.

Prayer: *Gracious God, help me to embrace this truth and allow Your light to transform my life.*

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Thursday: Your Passions, His Purpose

Matthew 6:21(ESV) – For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

God has given you unique passions that can be powerful tools. But when your desires become the primary focus of your life, they have the potential to lead you astray and cause imbalance and discontentment. Align your desires with God's purpose for your life and be guided by His grace.

Prayer: *Dear Lord, guide me to use my passions as tools to glorify You and serve others.*

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Friday: Seeds of Greatness

John 15:5 (NKJV) – “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

Believe in your potential and aim high. As Dr. Norman Vincent Peale said, “Have great hopes and dare to go all out for them. Have great hopes and dare to go all out for them. Have great dreams and dare to live them. Have tremendous expectations and believe in them.” With faith and effort, anything is possible, for God has planted seeds of greatness within you.

Prayer: *Inspire me, Lord, to dream big and to support my dreams with action.*

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Saturday: Loved Beyond Measure

Psalm 139:13-14 - For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I promised you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

While others may define your worth by what you do for a living or how much money you have in the bank, God reminds you that your value comes from Him. You are intricately designed by the Creator of the Universe, fearfully and wonderfully made. Embrace your uniqueness, knowing that you are loved beyond measure.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, fill me with confidence and self-esteem rooted in Your love, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

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Sunday: Do What Is Right

Matthew 5:1-12 - Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sometimes, doing what is right can be tough. The path of righteousness may not be easy, but it's the path that leads to eternal fulfillment and joy. By staying true to God's teachings and principles, you will be blessed with courage and perseverance.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, grant me the wisdom to discern what is right and just, and the courage to allow my faith to guide my actions.*

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