

## **Devotions 2024: April 8 to April 14**

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

### **Monday:** Blessings From Heaven

*Deuteronomy 28:12 – The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.*

Just as rain nourishes the soil and brings forth life, God's blessings shower upon you in abundance. Take a moment to appreciate the beauty and significance of rain, and let it serve as a gentle reminder of God's faithfulness and provision in your life.

*Prayer: Dear Lord, help me to trust in Your timing and guidance, knowing that just as rain brings growth and renewal, Your blessings will blossom in all areas of my life.*

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### **Tuesday:** Healing Old Hurts

*Psalms 147:3 – He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

Carrying old emotional wounds can weigh heavy on your heart and spirit. Remember that God is the ultimate healer and desires to heal your deepest hurts. Let go of the pain, surrender it to Him, and allow His love to seep into those old wounds. Trust in His power to restore, renew, and heal you completely.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, I ask for Your healing touch to end my broken heart and fill me with Your peace.*

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**Wednesday:** God's Abundant Provision

*Matthew 14:19 – And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples and the disciples gave them to the people.*

Just as Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed many people, He can also multiply your resources to meet your needs. It's important to remember that God is not limited by earthly constraints; His abundance is limitless. Trust in His ability to provide for you, even when it may seem impossible.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant me the faith to believe that You will provide for all my needs in Your perfect timing.*

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**Thursday:** The Promise of Hope

*Matthew 5:4 -Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

When you face a loss, it's important to remember that God understands your pain and is there to comfort you through this challenging time. Lean into His loving presence, allow Him to hold you in your grief, and trust that He will guide you through this season of mourning. You are not alone. With God's help, you can find peace and healing.

*Prayer: Gracious Father, when I feel the weight of my loss, wrap me in Your love and reassure me with the promise of Your eternal hope.*

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**Friday:** Renew the Fire Within

*Psalm 51:10 – Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

When you feel stuck and unmotivated, remember that God is always willing to revive your spirit. Allow Hi to ignite a new flame within you, renewing your passion for HI and your desire to follow His path. Embrace this chance to reconnect with God, seeking His guidance and direction as you embark on a journey to rediscover your faith.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, renew my spirit and infuse me with a pure, steadfast heart.*

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**Saturday:** God's Gentle Voice

*1 Kings 19:11-12 – The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.*

God often speaks in moments of stillness and tranquility, just as His voice was heard as a gentle whisper and not the power of the wind. Make time to be still and seek out His voice through prayer, meditation, and reflection.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, quiet my heart and mind, so that the gentle prompting of Your Spirit may lead me.*

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**Sunday:**           The Righteous Stand

*James 1:27 (NLT) – Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.*

If you feel like you're not making progress in your spiritual journey, try shifting your focus toward God. Reflect on who He is and all the things He has done for you. The Bible reminds us to serve others and put their needs before our own. When you ask God to bring opportunities for you to serve Him by helping others, you're not only fulfilling His commandment but also becoming a better person in the process.

*Prayer: Dear God, guide me to put my faith into action and serve others selflessly.*

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