

Devotions 2025: June 30 to July 6

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

Monday: Little Aggravations

Proverbs 15:1 - A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

It is often the small irritations that unsettle our peace. God invites us to approach these moments patiently, nurturing a spirit of calm and understanding. The practice of patience and self-control serves as a foundation for peace, allowing us to diffuse tensions and maintain harmony.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to handle life's little aggravations with grace. Help me respond with patience and love, honoring You with my words and actions.

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Tuesday: Unworthy Choices

Proverbs 3:7 - Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.

We all encounter moments when our choices fall short of what God desires for us. By honoring the Lord and rejecting sin, you align with His will, discovering a path filled with righteousness and peace. Allow His wisdom to direct your decisions today.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, guide me to avoid choices that fail to honor You.

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Wednesday: The Strength of Seeking Help

Galatians 6:2(ESV) – Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Do you hesitate to ask for help when you need it? Reaching out for assistance allows you to share God's love. We strengthen our connections when we support one another, showing Christ's compassion. By accepting help you invite others to be a blessing, building unity and faith. In vulnerable times, find comfort in a community's shared strength that lifts every soul.

Prayer: Lord, grant me the humility to ask for help and the compassion to offer it to others. May Your love unite us.

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Thursday: Trust in His Control

Proverbs 16:9 - In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

True peace comes from trusting God's plan. This verse teaches that while you may make plans, the Lord directs your steps. When you let go of control, you let go of fear and move forward confidently, trusting in His perfect ways and certain guidance.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, guide my steps with Your loving hand.*

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Friday: Celebrate Freedom

2 Corinthians 3:17 – Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

On this Independence Day, July 4, take a moment to appreciate the freedom you enjoy and give thanks for your blessings. As you celebrate, remember the true freedom in Christ that releases you from fear and sin. Let this day remind you of the divine freedom that fills your heart with peace and joy.

Prayer: *Gracious God, thank You for the freedoms I cherish. Help me appreciate the deeper freedom found in You.*

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Saturday: Goal-Oriented Living

Luke 14:28 - "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Would not you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?"

God encourages you to plan purposefully, aligning your ambitions with His divine will. By setting clear goals, you give direction to your days, ensuring that your efforts are meaningful and impactful. This practice brings structure and helps you prioritize what truly matters, staying focused on the tasks that align with God's purpose.

Prayer: *Lord, grant me the wisdom to set meaningful goals and the discipline to manage my daily tasks.*

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Sunday: Transition to Joy

Psalm 31:11 - You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Search your heart for places where you need healing and embrace this renewal of your spirit, where hope and peace abound. Trust His power to guide you from sadness to a joyful existence. As His gentle touch weaves happiness into your heart, may your heavy steps turn to dancing and your spirit find freedom in His boundless love.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, lift me from my sadness and fill my heart with joy. Teach me to dance in the renewal You provide, rejoicing in Your unending grace.

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