## **Devotions 2025: July 28 to August 3**

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

**Monday:** Here and Now

Luke 17:21 – "The kingdom of God is in Your midst."

God's kingdom is not a distant reality, but present here and now. Every moment offers an opportunity to experience His grace, transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary. Open your heart to His love, and let His kingdom shape your actions and thoughts today.

Prayer: Gracious God, I long for Your presence.

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**Tuesday:** Clarity in Confusion

James 1:5 – If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault.

When confusion clouds your mind, remember that God is eager to offer you clarity and wisdom. Reach out to Him in times of uncertainty. Embrace His guidance and watch as His wisdom lights the path before you. Trust that His insights will replace every doubt with divine understanding.

Prayer: Lord, grant me Your wisdom when confusion clouds my mind. Help me think clearly and rely on Your guidance.

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**Wednesday:** A Change in the Journey

Deuteronomy 1:6 – The Lord our God said to us at Horeb, "You have stayed long enough at this mountain."

This verse calls for you to venture into the unknown, with faith as your steadfast companion. Just as the Israelites were called to move forward, you are guided to face change with trust in God's sovereign wisdom. Remember that God is unchanging and wholly good even when the path seems unclear.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, strengthen my heart to follow where You lead, confident in Your eternal wisdom.

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**Thursday:** The Grace of Gratitude

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - Give thanks in all circumstances; for his is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

When you open your heart to gratitude, your perspective shifts to invite God's grace into every situation. By choosing thankfulness, you allow His abundant blessings to pour into your life and overflow to those around you. Let your life be a wellspring of gratitude, and watch how it enriches your walk with Him.

Prayer: Lord, help me find joy in all circumstances, and thank You for Your many blessings.

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**Friday:** God Sees Your Worth

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

When you feel inadequate or doubt that you measure up, remember this truth: God sees you. He knows your heart, your struggles, and every unique gift He's placed within you. His vision for your life isn't defined by perfection or accomplishments; it's about becoming the person e lovingly created you to be.

Prayer: Father, thank You for seeing my worth when I struggle to see it myself. Help me trust Your vision for my life.

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**Saturday:** Flexible in His Hands

Isaiah 64:8 - Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hands.

Life's changes can feel overwhelming, as if we're being reshaped in ways we didn't anticipate. But Isaiah reminds us that we are clay in the hands of our loving Creator. God molds us with care, using each turn to shape us into who He has called us to be.

Prayer: Lord, help me remain flexible and open to Your will, knowing that You are shaping me into something wonderfully made.

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**Sunday:** Understanding the Lord's Will

Ephesians 5:17 - Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

God calls you to live with intention, seeking His will in all you do. This verse reminds you that understanding His plans requires prayer, time in His Word, and an open heart. He wants to guide you toward choices that bring hope. Trust in His wisdom and step forward in faith as you align your life with His divine calling.

Prayer: Lord, guide my steps, and teach me to live in a way that honors You and brings glory to Your name.

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