

Devotions 2025: August 4 to August 10

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

Monday: Living in God's Harmony

Psalm 24:1 - The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Even when the world feels unsettled, there is so much beauty to be found. Each sunrise, blooming flower, and act of kindness reminds us that God's presence is everywhere. He entrusted this incredible world to us; not only to enjoy but to care for. Every choice we make; whether it is showing love to a neighbor, treasuring the gift of creation, or working toward peace; brings us closer to His design of harmony.

Prayer: Lord, help me bring Your love into the world through my words and actions.

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Tuesday: Childlike Faith, Boundless Victory

Matthew 18:3 – "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven."

Children have an incredible ability to see the world through eyes of wonder and possibility. To them, every hurdle is an adventure waiting to unfold, every barrier an opportunity to overcome. Life is not without its trials, but what if we approached them with the same unshakeable confidence of a child? Jesus invites us to rediscover this perspective; one of faith, courage, and hope.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for being by my side and turning every step into a grand adventure.

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Wednesday: The Grace of Listening

Proverbs 18:13 – To answer before listening; that is folly and shame.

Patience and understanding are gifts from God that bring wisdom into your life. When you take the time to truly listen, you allow His peace and truth to guide your actions. Rushing to respond can lead to misunderstanding, but choosing silence and humility paves the way for compassion and clarity. Trust in God to help you pause, reflect, and act from a place of love and service.

Prayer: Lord, help me value humility over haste, so that my words and actions reflect Your love and wisdom.

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Thursday: New Mercies Every Morning

Lamentations 3:22-23 – Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Every morning, God renews His mercies, offering us the strength to keep going. His love and compassion are constant, sustaining us when we feel exhausted or defeated. No matter how hard yesterday was, today is another opportunity to lean on His faithfulness and take one more step forward. Through Him, we find the courage to press on, knowing we are held by unending grace.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your unfailing compassion and mercy. When I feel weary, help me rest in Your faithfulness and find strength for the road ahead.

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Friday: The Role of Faith in Personal Growth

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV) – Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Personal growth starts with trust; trusting God to lead your life rather than relying on your own plans or ideas. When you surrender your choices to Him, big or small, He works in beautiful and unexpected ways. Faith opens the door to His wisdom, shaping your character and deepening your connection with Him. The more you trust, the more you will see how He can take your life further than you dreamed, leading you step by step on the right path.

Prayer: Lord, help me trust Your wisdom over my own and follow where You lead. Thank You for being my guide and provider.

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Saturday: Answer the Call to Share His Love

Matthew 28:19-20 – “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

This verse reminds us that discipleship is a beautiful act of faith and obedience. You do not walk this path alone; God is always with you, giving you strength and guidance. His presence equips you to be His hands and feet, bringing His Light to the world. Trust His promise and journey on the path He has set before you.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for calling me to share Your love and for Your constant presence beside me.

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Sunday: Unquenchable Love

Song of Songs 8:6-7 – Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame. Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away. If one were to give all the wealth of one's house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

God's love is constant and unstoppable, like a flame that never dims. This verse reassures us of His unshakable presence. Nothing can separate you from His endless love, no matter your challenges or fears. Take comfort in knowing God's devotion surround you, bringing strength and peace in every moment.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your unending love, which holds me close.

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