

Devotions 2025: August 11 to August 17

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

Monday: Determined to Build

Isaiah 33:6 – He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge.

Determination is the driving force that keeps us pressing forward, especially in our faith. Building your life on God's unshakeable foundation requires perseverance; a daily choice to trust His promises, even when the road feels uncertain. It is not about having all the answers; it is about leaning into His wisdom with a resolute heart. When doubts creep in or obstacles arise, your determination to rely on God will bring you peace and strength.

Prayer: Lord, may my heart stand firm and my faith grow stronger as I continue on my path.

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Tuesday: Strength in God's Care

Psalms 46:10 - "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

God asks you to be still; not to fix everything yourself but to trust Him. He knows what you are facing and will fight for you in ways you cannot always see. Surrendering your struggles to Him allows His perfect strength to work. Rest in the knowledge that the same God who delivered His people in the past is present and fighting for you today.

Prayer: Lord, my battles feel overwhelming at times. Teach me to surrender them to You and to trust in Your power and timing. Thank You for being my refuge and strength.

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Wednesday: Worship Is Your Anchor

Job 1:21 – “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”

Job’s faith shows us how to praise God, even amid challenges. Trusting His wisdom during seasons of joy or loss allows His peace to steady us. When you choose to honor Him no matter what, you lean into His unchanging goodness and care. Worship becomes your anchor, helping you move forward with hope and trust in His faithfulness.

Prayer: Lord, help me trust You and praise Your name in good times and hard times.

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Thursday: A Time to Learn

Proverbs 18:15 – The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.

God has created us with minds capable of growth and wonder, designed to seek understanding and truth. Taking time to learn; whether it is studying Scripture, exploring a new skill, or pursuing a deeper interest; enriches our lives and brings us closer to the person God has called us to be.

Prayer: Lord, guide me as I learn and explore, that I may use the knowledge I gain to glorify You and bless others.

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Friday: God Is in the Quiet Moments

1 Kings 19:12 – After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

Quiet moments are not just pauses; they are invitations to experience God’s peace. Whether in the soft light of morning or a restorative break during a hectic day, stillness allows Him to renew your spirit and guide your path. Trust that in the silence, God is working, offering rest and reassurance.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to rest in Your presence. Thank You for meeting me with peace and reminding me of Your unfailing love. Draw me closer to You each day.

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Saturday:**God Pursues You**

Ezekiel 34:11 – “I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.”

No matter how far you may feel from God, His love never stops pursuing you. God searches for you with unwavering care, like a shepherd seeking out lost sheep. Even when life feels messy or when you feel that your choices have created distance, He continually calls you back into His grace.

Prayer: Lord, help me trust Your care even when I feel far from You. Draw me close and remind me of Your grace.

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Sunday:**Renew Your Spirit Through Cleansing**

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

Spiritual and emotional cleansing is essential for releasing burdens and making room for peace and joy. By coming to the Lord with an open heart, you allow His grace to wash over you, renewing your strength and giving you clarity. This process of letting go through prayer, repentance, and reflection restores your relationship with God. Lean in and allow His mercy to purify your heart.

Prayer: Lord, help me lay down the burdens I can no longer carry and renew me with Your love and grace.

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