

Devotions 2025: August 18 to August 24

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

Monday: Confident in His Love

1 John 4:18 – There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.

Self-confidence begins with understanding how deeply and unconditionally God loves you. His perfect love silences fear and replaces self-doubt with assurance. There is no flaw or failure that can diminish His love for you, and this truth is your foundation. When you fully trust in His love, you can face life's uncertainties with boldness.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for a love that makes me fearless and confident. Help me trust in Your unchanging love as the source of my strength and courage.

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Tuesday: Enlarge Through Prayer

1 Chronicles 4:10 – “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory!”

Jabez's prayer is a simple yet powerful plea for God's blessing and growth. It reminds us we can invite God to expand our faith, love, and ability to serve, even in life's most challenging moments. Wherever you feel limited, God can bring growth and renewal. Pray boldly for His grace to expand your life.

Prayer: Lord, bless me and enlarge my territory. Help me grow in love, faith, and service to You.

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Wednesday: Honest Before God

Luke 12:2 – “There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.

Sometimes, we try to keep parts of ourselves hidden; even from God. Maybe it is a mistake we regret or a fear we cannot shake. But here is the beautiful truth: God already sees every corner of your heart. He knows your joys, your struggles, and everything in between, and He loves you completely. When you come to God with honesty, you find His grace; a gift that covers every hurt and mends every broken space.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for knowing me just as I am and loving me fully.

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Thursday: When Life Feels Uncertain

Numbers 23:19 – “God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?”

God’s promises are unchanging and trustworthy, even when life feels uncertain. He sees what we cannot, and works in ways beyond our understanding. Trust that His faithfulness never wavers, and He will fulfill His promises in His perfect time.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your steadfast and true promises. Help me trust You in every season and find peace in Your unchanging faithfulness.

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Friday: Living Authentically

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV) – Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Gratitude shifts your perspective from what is missing to the blessings God has placed in your life. It opens your eyes to His goodness, helping you see His hand in every moment. This perspective strengthens your faith and fills you with joy. When you live with gratitude, you align your steps with God’s purpose, trusting His guidance.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to live with gratitude, fully trusting in Your goodness.

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Saturday:**Planted by His Streams**

Psalm 1:3 – That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither; whatever they do prospers.

A tree rooted by a stream is a picture of unshakeable abundance. Just as the steady flow of water nourishes the tree, God's presence sustains every area of our lives. When we stay close to Him, we are strengthened, provided for, and equipped to grow, even in times of uncertainty. His blessings are not fleeting; they flow like a river, constant and life-giving.

Prayer: Lord, may we always draw on Your endless provision and never lose sight of the abundant life that flows from Your presence.

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Sunday:**Never Alone**

Deuteronomy 31:6 – “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

God's word brings a beautiful promise that lifts the heaviest of shadows; you are never alone. His presence surrounds you like a loving hug, offering a companionship that fills every empty space with peace and joy. God is right there with you in every moment. Celebrating your victories and holding you close in your struggles. He sees you, knows you, and cherishes you more than you can imagine.

Prayer: Dear Lord, You are steady, constant, and full of compassion.

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