

Devotions 2025: August 25 to August 31

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

Monday: Break Free from Self-Sabotage

Isaiah 54:17- "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgement you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord."

Sometimes, the greatest battle you face is not with the world around you but with the quiet, stubborn voice inside that whispers doubt and defeat. Self-sabotage can sneak into your life; holding onto fear, questioning your worth, or hesitating to step into the opportunities God has lovingly prepared for you. But God did not create you to live in defeat. His promises stand firm, and His plans for your life are good. When self-doubt begins to weigh you down, lean on Him and trust His love to break the barriers you have built.

Prayer: Lord, You know the ways I sometimes hold myself back. Show me where I am sabotaging myself, and give me the strength to overcome my negative thinking.

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Tuesday: Pray with Purpose

James 5:16 – The power of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Prayer is not about using perfect words but about opening your life to His presence and trusting His responses; whether they come as a quiet whisper or a bold shout. When your prayers flow from a place of love for God and others, they become more than requests; they become an act of worship, filled with power and purpose. By cultivating a consistent prayer life, you discover how to draw strength from Him and seek His guidance in every step you take.

Prayer: Lord teach me to pray with clear intent, seeking Your will above my own.

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Wednesday: Joy Beyond Words

Hebrews 13:8 – Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

There is a joy so deep, so overwhelming, it cannot be put into words; a joy rooted in the unchanging nature of God. His promises are steadfast, his presence unwavering. This joy is not dependent on circumstances but flows from knowing that He is with you, faithful and true. No matter what life brings, His timeless love and grace fill your heart with peace and happiness beyond measure.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the indescribable joy that comes from Your unchanging promises.

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Thursday: Beauty in Brokenness

Ezekiel 34:16(NASB) – “I will....binds up the broken.”

Imagine a fragile piece of pottery, cracked and shattered. At first glance, it seems ruined, but something extraordinary happens in *kintsugi*, the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery. The cracks are not hidden or erased but filled with shimmering gold. The once-broken vessel becomes more beautiful and valuable because of its imperfections. When we allow God into our brokenness, He transforms our hurt and scars into works of beauty.

Prayer: Lord, help me trust You with my pain and allow Your grace to fill the cracks. Make me a vessel that shines with Your goodness and love.

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Friday: Renewal Through His Spirit

Acts 2:17 – “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.”

God’s promise to pour out His Spirit reveals His desire to renew and empower His people. This verse reminds you that His presence transcends age, status, and background, supplying everyone with His wisdom and guidance. Trust in the Holy Spirit to strengthen you as you walk in faith, knowing that He fulfills His promises in extraordinary ways.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the gift of Your Spirit. Fill me with Your presence, and help me share Your love and truth with the world.

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Saturday:**When Faith Feels Weak**

Matthew 26:41(ESV) – “The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Faith can feel vulnerable at times. Even with the best intentions, life’s struggles can cause doubt to creep in, making it hard to hold on. This verse reminds us that weakness is part of being human, but it also shows God’s understanding of our struggles. Jesus spoke these words in the garden of Gethsemane as His disciples struggled to stay awake and support Him during His own trial. He knew their spirits wanted to be faithful, but their bodies were frail.

Prayer: Lord, renew my spirit and fill me with the courage to keep trusting and seeking You.

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Sunday:**Reach for More**

Joshua 1:9 – “Have I not commanded You? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

God’s presence in your life is a constant reminder that you are made for great joy, big dreams, and a future filled with promise. Why settle for less when He has so much more in store for you? God urges you to lift your eyes in faith and see life not only as it is, but also as it could be; limitless, beautiful, and full of promise. This is your moment to rise.

Prayer: Lord, help me aim higher and trust Your ways, knowing they are always for my best.

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