

Devotions 2025: December 1 to December 7

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

Monday: The Hope of His Coming

Isaiah 9:2 - The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

As we begin the season of Advent, we remember that Jesus came into the world to be our hope. His presence brings light to our darkness and transforms everything. No matter what the past has held, this season invites you to experience joy and expectation. The Savior has come; and He is working in your life.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, awaken hope in me. May Your light fill my heart with fresh joy and new beginnings.

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Tuesday: Get into the Spirit of Christmas

Nehemiah 8:10 – The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Getting into the holiday spirit does not mean having a perfect tree or the best cookies. It means tuning your heart to the wonder of God's love. Whether you celebrate big or small, just do not forget the reason behind it all. Let His joy lift your heart and bring a smile to your spirit.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for the joy You bring. Help me celebrate this season with laughter, love, and a heart full of wonder. Let Your joy be the brightest part of my Christmas.

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Wednesday: Eyes Wide Open

Prayer: *Revelation 16:15 – “Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”*

There is so much goodness to notice when your heart is awake. God is always moving; sometimes in bold ways, sometimes in quiet ones; and He invites you to be ready for joy, for growth, for Him. Today, look for His blessings. He may surprise you.

Prayer: *Lord, open my eyes to what You are doing around me. Help me live expectantly, ready for Your grace to show up.*

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Thursday: Plans and Peace

Proverbs 16:3 – Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

In the hustle and bustle of holiday planning, it is easy to lose your peace. You do not have to do everything. You do not have to make it perfect. What matters most can not be scheduled or crossed off a list. God meets you in the moments; the smile from a friend, the pause to breathe and prayer. Let Him shape this season, one sacred step at a time.

Prayer: *Lord, help me plan without pressure. Remind me that the heart of this season is You.*

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Friday: Joy is Coming

Luke 2:10 – “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”

Joy does not wait for everything to be perfect. It meets you right where you are. The same message that lit up the sky for shepherds is spoken over your life too: there is good news, and it is you. Jesus came, and His joy is still chasing hearts today. Let it catch you.

Prayer: *God of joy, awaken my heart to good news again. Fill me with delight that does not depend on circumstances.*

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Saturday: The Strength to Endure

Habakkuk 3:19 – The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

There are days when life feels uphill, when the ground beneath you seems unsteady. But God gives strength exactly where and when you need it. He empowers you to move forward, even in the most challenging terrain. You are not walking alone.

Prayer: Lord, be my strength today. Help me walk forward with confidence in Your steadying hand.

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Sunday: God's Glorious Disruption

Luke 1:28 – “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

Mary's life was forever changed by a divine interruption. The angel Gabriel's words did not just surprise her; they called her into something greater than she could imagine. In her fear and wonder, Mary chose trust. She let go of her plans and made room for God's

Prayer: Father, help me welcome Your plans even when they disrupt my own. Give me faith to trust You and courage to say yes.

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