

Devotions 2026: April 20 to April 26

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

Monday: Caleb's Confidence

Numbers 13:30 – “We should go up and take possession of the land. For we can certainly do it.”

When others saw giants, Caleb saw God's promise. His confidence was not rooted in his own strength but in the One who had never failed His people. Faith like Caleb's calls you to lift your eyes above fear and to believe that God's future is bigger than your doubts. True courage is not ignoring the giants; it is trusting the God who is greater than them all.

Prayer: Lord, help me see with Caleb's eyes. Give me the courage to trust Your promises more than my fears.

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Tuesday: Honeyed Words

Proverbs 16:24 – Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Words can taste bitter or sweet long after they are spoken. A gentle word at the right moment is like honey, settling deep, nourishing the spirit. We carry that kind of sweetness in our mouths each day. Healing may begin with one sentence spoken in love.

Prayer: Lord, guide my words today. Let what I speak bring hope, healing, and encouragement.

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Wednesday: Do You Underestimate God?

Ephesians 3:20 – “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

We often shrink God down to the size of our expectations, but God delights in overturning our limits. His strength is revealed in weakness, His victory in what looks like loss, His love in places that world dismisses. To underestimate Him is human; to be surprised by Him is grace.

Prayer: Lord, forgive me when I make You small. Open my eyes to Your immeasurable power and teach me to expect wonder.

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Thursday: The God Who Searches

Luke 19:10 – “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

We talk often about seeking God, but Scripture reminds us; He seeks us first. His love searches the shadows where we had rather hide, the corners where shame or fear keep us small. No one is too far, too broken, too hidden to be found. The God who searches is the God who carries us home with joy.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for never giving up on me. Keep me close to Your side today.

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Friday: The Shelter of His Goodness

Psalms 116:7 – Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

At times, your soul may be tired from constant striving. But God invites you to return, not to a place but to His goodness. He has carried you through past storms and will do so again. As Dr. Norman Vincent Peale said, “Frequently remind yourself that God is with you, that He will never fail you, that you can count upon Him. Say these words: ‘God is with me, helping me.’” Rest begins when you remember His faithfulness and trust His presence.

Prayer: Lord, remind me of Your goodness. Let my heart rest in the assurance of Your care.

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Saturday: Fan the Flame

2 Timothy 1:6 – For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you.

Faith can feel like embers, glowing faintly but needing breath to reignite. God calls you to stir up the gifts He has placed within you. As you lean into prayer, service, and His Spirit, the flame grows stronger, shining light into the world around us.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, breathe on the gifts within me. Ignite my faith with passion and purpose.

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Sunday: When God Seems Silent

Palm 143:8 Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.

There are seasons when the future blurs and God's guidance feels far away. Prayer seems to echo in the quiet, and choices run together. Yet even in the hush, His presence holds you. As Charles Spurgeon once wrote, "God is too good to be unkind, and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart." Trust grows not from always hearing His answer but from resting in His heart when we cannot find the way.

Prayer: Lord, when I cannot hear Your voice, help me trust Your heart. Guide me one step at a time in the quiet of Your presence.

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