

Devotions 2026: May 25 to May 31

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

Monday: No Greater Love

John 15:13 – “Greater love has no one that this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

On Memorial Day, we pause to remember sacrifice; the giving of life so that others could live. This love echoes the greatest sacrifice of all: Christ laying down His life for us. Gratitude keeps memory alive, shaping how we live in freedom. To remember well is also to live well, honoring both God and those who gave all.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for those who gave their lives in service. Teach me to honor their sacrifice with a life of love.

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Tuesday: The Oil of Gladness

Psalm 45:7 – You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.

In Scripture, joy is pictured as oil; fragrant, overflowing, poured out until it soaks through. God’s joy is not surface-deep but saturating, a gladness that seeps into the cracks of your life. When He anoints you with Joy, He marks you as His and reminds you that gladness is part of His Kingdom.

Prayer: Lord, pour over me the oil of Your gladness. Let joy run deep in my life and overflow to others.

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Wednesday: Kneeling to Rise

James 4:10 – Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

“Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self.”

These words from St. Francis remind us that humility is not weakness; it is freedom. When we kneel before God, we are released from pride, from fear, from the exhausting need to prove ourselves. In His hands, humility becomes the place where we are lifted into peace, joy, and love.

Prayer: Lord, quiet my striving and teach me to trust Your lifting hand. Let me rise in the freedom of Your love.

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Thursday: Beyond Our Thoughts

Isaiah 55:8 – “for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.

God’s wisdom stretches beyond your horizon. What feels tangled and unfinished to you is already complete in His sight. His perspective is higher, wider, deeper than yours, and His plans reach farther than you can imagine. Trusting Him means resting not in your answers but in the vastness of His wisdom and love.

Prayer: Lord, lift my gaze to Your higher ways. Teach me to trust that what I cannot see, You already hold in perfect wisdom.

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Friday: Gifts in Our Hands

1 Peter 4:10 – Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

Every gift you hold; talent, time, or tenderness, was placed in your hands to be shared. Stewardship means more than keeping; it means giving, multiplying, and blessing. Grace is never meant to sit still; it is meant to flow outward into the lives of others.

Prayer: Lord, help me use my gifts faithfully. Let what I give bring glory to You and hope to others.

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Saturday: Walking Free

Psalm 119:45 – I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

True freedom is not the absence of rules; it is the presence of Christ. His grace breaks the chains that fear, guilt, or sin try to wrap around you. Freedom in Jesus means you can walk without shame, live without fear, and love without limits.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for setting me free. Help me walk in the confidence and joy of Your love today.

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Sunday: The Faithful Yes

Matthew 25:23 – “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

As this month draws to a close, we pause to remember the prayers lifted, the kindnesses shared, and the quiet choices to trust. God sees the all. He treasures every small yes; each unseen act of faithfulness that shapes a life wit Him. His kingdom grows not only through grand gestures but through the steady gift of ordinary days.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for weaving my small yeses into Your great story.

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