

Devotions 2026: July 20 to July 26

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

Monday: Finding Joy in Service

Psalms 100:2 – Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Serving God is never small work. Each act of love reflects His character. Joy grows when we serve not for recognition but for the sheer delight of pleasing Him. When we give ourselves freely, we find that giving becomes its own reward.

Prayer: Lord, I joyfully serve You. May every task become worship in Your sight.

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Tuesday: The Gift of Holy Curiosity

Jeremiah 33:3 – “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”

Holy curiosity nudges you to ask deeper questions, look closer at Scripture, and pay attention to the many ways God works around you. When you lean in, He opens doors to wisdom, wonder, and insight you could not have seen otherwise.

Prayer: Lord, awaken my curiosity for things of Your kingdom. Help me approach You, eager to learn, discover, and be surprised by Your goodness.

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Wednesday: The Gift of Friendship

Proverbs 17:17 – A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

God designed friendship as one of His sweetest blessings. True friends share burdens, multiple joy, and reflect Christ's companionship. A faithful friend is evidence of God's kindness and care. Friendship, when rooted in love, becomes a sacred exchange of grace.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the friends who walk beside me. Help me be a faithful friend in return.

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Thursday: Make the Best Decision

James 1:5 – “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault.”

Wisdom grows when you bring your situation to God with an open heart. He guides through Scripture, gentle nudges, wise counsel, and the peace that settles when you are moving in His direction. The best choice is the one aligned with Him.

Prayer: Lord, give me wisdom to choose what honors You and brings peace to my heart.

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Friday: Choosing Joy on Purpose

Psalms 16:11 – You make known to me the path of life: you will fill me with joy in your presence.

Joy does not always arrive on its own. Sometimes you have to make room for it. God gives countless invitations to delight: a shared laugh, a warm evening, a moment that surprises you with beauty. Choosing joy is not ignoring hard times; it is remembering that God's goodness still shines through them.

Prayer: Lord, I am making an effort to focus on joy. May Your delight rise in me and brighten my day.

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Saturday: Discerning God's Will

Isaiah 30:21 – Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

This verse paints a beautiful picture: God guiding you not from far ahead but from right behind you, close enough to whisper. You do not need every detail to know the right direction; you need to be willing to listen. As you move with Him step by step, He makes the path clearer, steadier, and fills it with unexpected peace.

Prayer: Dear Lord, attune my ears to Your whisper. Guide my steps as I move forward, and let Your direction lead me into the path You have prepared for me.

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Sunday: A Summer of Gratitude

Psalms 136:1 – Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

John Muir once wrote, “The sun shines not on us but in us,” and summer’s long light makes that feel true. When daylight stretches across the evening, it creates room for us to slow down and notice God at work. Gratitude grows not because everything is easy but because His light gently reaches the parts of us we have kept in the shadow.

Prayer: Lord, let the long light of this season awaken gratitude within me.

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