

Devotions 2026: August 24 to August 30

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

Monday: Jesus Asked ...About Healing

John 5:6 - "Do you want to get well?"

At first glance, the question seems obvious. But healing often requires change; and change can feel unsettling, even when it is good. The man at the pool had lived with his condition for years. Familiar patterns can feel safer than stepping into something unknown. Jesus's question invites reflection, not pressure. Restoration begins with His compassion, not our efforts.

Prayer: Jesus, make me honest about what I need. Draw me toward healing when change feels unfamiliar.

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Tuesday: Your Worth Is Not Earned

Psalms 139:14 - I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

It is easy to measure yourself by what you accomplish or how well you think you are doing. But God reminds you that your worth was never meant to be earned. You are loved not because of what you produce or prove but because you belong to Him. When you rest in that truth, the pressure lifts, and peace takes its place.

Prayer: Dear God, root my worth in Your love, and free me from measuring myself by anything else.

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Wednesday: Honest Doubt

John 20:27 - "Put your finger here; see my hands."

Thomas wanted to believe, but he needed reassurance. Instead of turning him away, Jesus met him with patience and understanding. God is not threatened by honest questions or sincere doubt. Faith often grows not through certainty but through bringing your struggles openly to Him.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for meeting my questions with compassion. Sustain me as my faith continues to grow.

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Thursday: Letting Summer God

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

As summer fades, there is a quiet mix of gratitude and longing; thankful for what was, hesitant about what is next. God works faithfully through every season, both the blooming and the letting go. Releasing one season makes room for the next, trusting that God's purpose continues to unfold.

Prayer: Dear Lord, let me release this season with gratitude. Lead me into what comes next.

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Friday: Making Peace with Imperfection

Psalms 147:11 - The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Life rarely looks exactly as you imagined, and that can be hard to accept. But God's delight in you does not depend on perfection or completion. He meets you where you are; unfinished plans, unanswered questions, and all; and loves you fully right there.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me accept my life as it is today. Invite me to lean into Your unfailing love when things feel incomplete.

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Saturday: Trust in God Fully

Psalm 37:5 - Commit our way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this.

Commitment means giving God your plans, then living like you meant it. Trust shows up in your choices; not just in what you say you believe, but in how you actually live. When you surrender something to God and then align your actions with that surrender, your faith becomes real and strong.

Prayer: Almighty God, let my commitment to You shape my decisions. May my trust be lived, not just spoken.

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Sunday: God Is with You

Psalm 118:6 - The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.

As the month comes to a close, this truth remains: God is with you. His presence does not fade with changing circumstances or uncertain days. Whatever lies ahead, you can move forward knowing you are supported, guided, and loved.

Prayer: Loving Father, thank You for Your constant presence. Give me courage to walk into what is next without fear.

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