Devotions 2025: September 22 to September 28

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

Monday: Make a Perfect Moment

Psalm 118:24 (NKJV) – This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Waiting for the perfect moment can make you miss the beauty and potential of the present. God has given you today as a gift, filled with opportunities to grow as you glorify Him. Perfection is not about the timing being right but about inviting God into the moment. When you trust in His plan and take action, even the simplest moments can become extraordinary.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, fill my heart with gratitude, and guide me to make every moment meaningful.

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Tuesday: When Life Feels Unfair

Psalm 4:18 – The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

At times, life can seem truly unfair, especially when the kindest hearts experience pain. Yet, even in these tough moments, God promises to be close. His love offers comfort and healing, and His purpose for your life surpasses any trial you encounter. His presence remains steady, leading you toward hope and redemption.

Prayer: Lord, when life feels heavy, remind me of Your nearness. Help me find peace in Your loving care.

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Wednesday: Clothed in Compassion

Colossians 3:12 – Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Kindness is powerful, it blesses the giver as much as the receiver. A kind word, a patient action, or even a smile can brighten someone's day and reflect God's grace in ways you may not even realize. Take a moment to consider the forgiveness and love God has shown you. Then, step into the day with a heart full of compassion and a readiness to share His Light with others. Your might be amazed at the warmth and joy it can bring to you and those around you.

Prayer: Lord, teach e to show compassion and kindness to others as a reflection of Your heart.

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Thursday: The Gift of Free Will

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 – Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him.

Free will is a profound gift from God, inviting you into a personal, loving relationship with Him. He does not demand your love; He offers the freedom to choose Him every day. Each decision is an opportunity to reflect on His ways and live with purpose. And even when you falter, God's grace remains steady.

Prayer: Lord, help me honor You with my decisions and trust in Your ability to bring good results from every moment.

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Friday: Find Peace Without All the Answers

2 Corinthians 5:7(KJV) – For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Trusting in God does not mean having all the answers; it means believing in His goodness even when the path ahead is unclear. When we surrender our need for control, we open our minds to His guidance, allowing Him to shape us through patience and trust. These seasons of waiting are not wasted; they refine us, deepen our relationship with God, lead us toward His perfect path. Rest in knowing that the one who holds the universe also holds your future.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, teach me patience and fill me with peace, knowing that You are in control.

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Saturday: Growth Through Failure

Proverbs 24:16(CEB) – the righteous may fall seven times but still get up, but the wicked will stumble into trouble.

Failure can feel like the end of the road, a sign that we are not enough. But Proverbs assures us that falling is not the defining moment; it is the choice to rise again that matters. Each stumble is an opportunity to learn, to rely more deeply on God's strength, and to grow in ways we never imagined.

Prayer: Lord, help me see setbacks as stepping stones and trust in Your unfailing love.

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Sunday: Release Hard Feelings

Psalm 103:12 – As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

God's forgiveness is complete and boundless, but sometimes the weight of guilt can linger. Even after receiving His grace, you may struggle to forgive yourself. This verse asserts that when God forgives, He forgets; your sins are no longer seen by Him. Accept His forgiveness fully and walk in the freedom and joy He offers.

Prayer: Father, help me leave guilt behind and rest in the assurance of Your forgiveness.

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