

## Devotions 2025: October 13 to October 19

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

### **Monday:** Grace for the Ones Who Hurt You

*Colossians 3:13 – Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

Forgiving someone who has hurt you can feel impossible, especially when the pain runs deep. But God gently calls you to extend grace. Forgiveness does not mean excusing the wrong or pretending it did not hurt; it means choosing freedom over bitterness, trusting that God's justice and love are greater than your pain. When you choose grace, you open the door for healing; not only for yourself but also for those around you. As Corrie ten Boom beautifully said, "To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you."

*Prayer: Gracious God, choosing forgiveness is difficult. Help me release the hurt and trust You with the healing.*

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### **Tuesday:** Clothed in Confidence

*Proverbs 31:25 – She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.*

Confidence rooted in faith is unshakeable. True power is not being all-knowing or never fearing; it is having faith in the One who walks beside you. The woman in this verse is not intimidated by tomorrow because she knows her God has it in His control. That same unbreakable strength belongs to you. Walk confidently, knowing He is guiding you and making you stronger, and with Him, you can withstand anything.

*Prayer: Almighty God, thank You for the gift of confidence that comes from trusting in You.*

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**Wednesday:** Peace That Guards Your Heart

*Philippians 4:7 – The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

When you surrender your worries to God, His peace surrounds you like a mighty shield, guarding your heart and mind. The world may not understand it, but you will feel it; the quiet, strength that silences fear, calms the storm within, and reminds you that He is in control. His presence is unwavering, His love unshakeable. Release the weight of worry and move forward with confidence, knowing that His peace will carry you through.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, calm the storms within me, and guard my heart with the assurance of Your peace.*

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**Thursday:** Never Abandoned

*Deuteronomy 31:6 – “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

There may be moments in life when you feel forgotten, unseen, or left behind. People may walk away, circumstances may shift, and loneliness may settle in. But even in your hardest moments, you are never truly alone. God’s presence is constant, His love unwavering. He sees you, knows you, and guides you through every trial. Lean into His presence, knowing that no matter what life brings, He will never leave you behind.

*Prayer: Lord, help me feel Your presence so I know that You are always by my side.*

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**Friday:** Who Am I?

*Psalm 139:14 – I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

Do you define yourself by what you do, what others say, or the expectations placed on you? Your identity is not found in achievements, failures, or comparisons; it is rooted in the One who created you. You are fearfully and wonderfully made, designed with love and purpose by God Himself. You do not have to prove your worth; it has already been established in Him.

Prayer: *Dear Lord, remind me that my worth comes from You alone.*

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**Saturday:** Unwavering Devotion

*2 Thessalonians 3:3 – The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.*

Have you ever stopped and thought about the amazing ways that God shows up for you? Day by day, He is there, consistent and trustworthy. He is not just faithful in the grand, spectacular experiences but in mundane, lonely times when your heart is fragile. And this is the beautiful thing: His faithfulness has nothing to do with your ability to get it all right. It is about who He is.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, help me live each day leaning into Your promises and reflecting the faithfulness You show, steadfast and true.*

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**Sunday:** Dare to Become

*Philippians 4:13 (NKJV) – I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale said, “Dare to be what your best self knows you ought to be; dare to be a bigger human being than you have ever been.” Growth requires courage; moving beyond comfort, silencing self-doubt, and embracing the person you were created to be. God has placed potential within you, and with His strength, you can rise to it. Dare to go after the bigger life God has planned for you.

Prayer: *Almighty God, give me the courage to grow beyond my fears. Help me trust Your plan and walk boldly in faith.*

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