

Devotions 2025: November 3 to November 9

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

Monday: Hearing God's Whisper

Isaiah 31:21 – 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.”

Often we sense God's presence not through a loud voice but in a whisper; soft words spoken to the heart, a quiet prompting, or a subtle shift in our thoughts. The hard part is slowing down enough to hear it. Maybe you have been waiting for a sign, straining to hear something unmistakable. But what if He is already speaking, just softer than expected? Maybe in the stillness of a morning prayer. In the kindness of a stranger. In the deep-down assurance that you are not alone. Take a breath and make space. His whisper is there, guiding you, leading you forward.

Prayer: Dear Lord, remind me to pause, seek You, and trust the gentle whisper of Your guidance.

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Tuesday: Release Control

Matthew 16:25 – “For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.”

Letting go is not about losing; it is about gaining something greater. Holding on to control may feel safe, but it can keep you from experiencing the fullness of God's plan. True freedom comes when you release your grip and say, “God, I trust You more than I trust myself.” Surrendering is an act of courage and faith. When you open your hands, you make room for His blessings.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me trust You with the things I struggle to release. Give me the courage to open my hands and surrender.

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Wednesday: Find Sacred in the Everyday

1 Corinthians 10:31 – Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Look for God in the little things; the laughter over coffee, the warmth of a hug, the kindness of a stranger, or the beauty of a sunset. Life with Him is not about just big, extraordinary moments; it is about recognizing His presence in the everyday. Invite Him into your routine. Pause, notice, and celebrate the simple joys. When you choose to see Him in the ordinary, every moment becomes an act of worship.

Prayer: Lord, help me slow down and notice Your presence in my daily life. Open my eyes to simple joys, and teach me to glorify You in everything I do.

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Thursday: When the Answer Is “Not Yet”

Lamentations 3:25 – The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.

Waiting on God can be challenging, especially when your prayers feel unanswered. But silence is not absence; He hears you. Sometimes His “not yet” is really “I have something better.” Every delay has a purpose, and in the waiting, He is working. His grace will sustain you, His wisdom will guide you, and His love will never fail. Trust that He is leading you to something greater than you can imagine.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, strengthen my faith to trust Your timing even when I cannot see the whole picture.

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Friday: Through the Waters

Isaiah 43:2 – “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.”

Life’s challenges can feel like deep waters, overwhelming and uncertain. But God’s promise is clear: no matter how strong the currents, He is with you. His presence is your anchor; his love is your lifeline, and His strength is your steady ground.

Prayer: Lord, no storm is too great for Your power and no water is too deep for Your grace to carry me through.

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Saturday:**A Heart of Curiosity**

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

Curiosity is a powerful tool for growing in faith, God invites you to ask questions, seek wisdom, and explore the depths of His truth. Embrace the journey of discovery, knowing that each question draws you closer to Him. Ask bold questions. Bring your doubts and wonderings to God in prayer. He welcomes your search for understanding.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, encourage me to ask, seek, and discover more about You each day.

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Sunday:**Unexpected Riches**

Philippians 4:19 – God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

God's provision does not always come as you expect; but it always comes. Sometimes it is a kind word, an open door, or even a closed one, which redirects you to something better. He knows what you need before you even ask, and He provides in ways that are often surprising but always perfect.

Prayer: Lord, keep my trust rooted in You. Thank You for always meeting my needs in unexpected and beautiful ways.

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