

Devotions 2025: November 10 to November 16

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

Monday: The Gift of Rest

Mark 6:31 – “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

Rest is a sacred gift from God. You were not created to run on empty. Even Jesus took time to recharge and seek solitude. When you pause from the busyness of life, you open your heart to hear God’s voice, renew your strength, and experience His peace.

Prayer: Lord, I need Your rest today. Help me quiet my soul and find renewal in You.

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Tuesday: Honor and Sacrifice

John 15:13 - “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

On Veterans Day, we remember and honor those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom. Their courage and dedication reflect the selfless love that Jesus spoke of; a love that puts others before self. As we express our gratitude, let us also seek to live with the same spirit of service and sacrifice in our own lives.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the men and women who have served with bravery and selflessness.

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Wednesday: Small Steps, Big Changes

Zechariah 4:10 – Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.

Significant changes do not happen overnight; they start small, consistent steps. Every effort matters, whether breaking a habit or pursuing a goal. Celebrate each step forward instead of focusing on how far you must to. Progress is not about perfection; it is about persistence.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the strength to keep moving forward. Help me view each small success as part of Your plan.

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Thursday: God Is Near

Psalms 34:18 – The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

When you are struggling or feeling broken, remember that God is right there with you. Hard times do not mean He is distant; He is closer than ever. Instead of focusing on the pain, look for how He works in your life. Gratitude grows when you recognize His healing and redemption.

Prayer: Father, I need You. Help me see Your presence in my life, even when things are hard. Remind me that I am not alone, and show me the good You are bringing out of this situation.

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Friday: Ignited with Purpose

Philippians 2:13 – For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Inspiration is not a fleeting feeling; it is often a spark placed within you by God. When you sense a stirring in your heart to create, serve, or pursue something meaningful, pay attention. God is at work, guiding you toward His purpose. Instead of waiting for the perfect conditions, take action, knowing He will equip you for the journey. Gratitude grows when you recognize that your passions and dreams are part of His plan.

Prayer: Father, thank You for inspiring me and giving me purpose. Give me the courage to walk in faith with confidence.

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Saturday:**Grace That Lifts Us**

Matthew 14:30-31 – But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.

Peter’s faith gave him the courage to step out of the boat, but his fear made him sink. When Peter needed help, Jesus immediately reached out and caught him. How often do you let fear and doubt pull you down? God’s grace is never far. No matter how often you falter, His hand is always there, ready to catch you.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your grace, which lifts me when I stumble.

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Sunday:**The Power of Empathy**

Romans 12:15 – Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Empathy is a reflection of God’s love in us. It allows us to share in someone else’s joy or pain and walk alongside them with understanding. Empathy requires us to listen, to be present, and to love without judgement. Choose to see people through God’s eyes, extending grace and kindness even when it is complicated.

Prayer: Lord, help me sow goodness and faithfulness in all I do. Strengthen my trust in Your plan.

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