

## **Devotions 2025: November 17 to November 23**

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

### **Monday:           The Power of Faithful Choices**

*Galatians 6:7 – Do not be deceived; God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*

Every choice you make shapes your life and influences those around you. Whether big or small, your actions plant seeds that will grow over time. When you choose kindness, faithfulness, and obedience, you participate in God's work; even when you do not immediately see the results. Trust that He is using your daily decisions for a purpose far beyond what you can imagine. Stay faithful, knowing He multiplies every act of goodness for His glory.

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

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### **Tuesday:           When Life Feels Paused**

*Psalms 27:14 – Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.*

You might feel like waiting means nothing is happening, but God is never inactive. Even in the quiet seasons, He draws closer, strengthens your faith, and prepares your heart for what is ahead. What if this time is not about stillness but about unseen growth? What if the waiting is not a pause but part of the process? Happiness is not found in reaching the destination; it is found in trusting Him right where you are.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me find joy in the waiting. Teach me to trust Your perfect timing and believe that You are working in ways I cannot yet see.*

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**Wednesday:** Endurance with Purpose

*James 1:12 – Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.*

Do you ever feel stuck, like there is no way forward and now way out? It is easy to feel overwhelmed, but remember; God is not limited by your circumstances. He is working in the hard places you cannot yet see, not just to resolve the struggle but to strengthen your soul. With every act of faith, perseverance grows, and God draws you closer to His heart.

*Prayer: Father, thank You for reminding me that perseverance is about more than just getting through; it is about growing closer to You.*

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**Thursday:** Strength for the Weary

*1 Kings 19:5 – Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.”*

In this verse, Elijah is exhausted. After standing up boldly for God, he found himself fleeing for his life, overwhelmed and ready to give up. But God met him with kindness; providing food, rest, and gentle encouragement. Sometimes what we need most is not to push harder but to pause and let God restore us. If you are feeling weary, know that God sees you. If you are feeling weary, know that God sees you. He invites you to rest in His presence, regain your strength, and trust that He is not finished with you yet.

*Prayer: Lord, when I feel exhausted or discouraged, remind me that You are near.*

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**Friday:** Grateful for the People Who Shape Us

*1 Thessalonians 5:11 – Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

God places friends, family, mentors, and even unexpected encouragers in our path to shape, strengthen, and remind us of His love. Some walk with us in our hardest moments, while others challenge us to grow in faith. Who in your life has been a source of encouragement? Take a moment to thank God for them and let them know how much they mean to you.

*Prayer: Dear Lor, thank You for the people You have placed in my life. Bless them as they have blessed me, and let us continue to walk together in Your love.*

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**Saturday:** Seek God's Wisdom

*James 1:5 – If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.*

When faced with a big decision, do you seek God first? His wisdom is a gift freely given to those who ask. Rather than relying solely on friends or your own understanding, trust in Him, allowing uncertainty to become an opportunity to move forward in faith, knowing He is leading the way.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, guide my heart and path so that I may walk in a way that honors You.*

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**Sunday:** A Season to Reflect

*Psalms 139:23 – Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

Autumn is a time to pause and reflect. As nature rests before new growth, your soul needs quiet moments to realign with God's purpose. Use this time to look inward, surrender your worries, and seek His wisdom. Let go of what weighs you down, and make space for renewal. In the stillness, He refines you. In the waiting, He prepares you. Even in the quiet seasons, His work in you is never paused.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, as I enter this season of reflection, search my heart and guide my thoughts.*

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