

Devotions 2025: November 24 to November 30

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

Monday: Before You Leap, Pray

Proverbs 16:3 – Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

It is tempting to act quickly when faced with a decision, to move forward without pausing. Yet the most essential part of any plan is to first bring it before God in prayer. When you seek His wisdom, you open your heart to His guidance. He may affirm your direction or urge you to wait. Trusting His as you commit to your plans brings clarity and peace, even when the future feels uncertain.

Prayer: Lord, guide me to pause before I act, seeking Your wisdom and aligning my plans with Your will.

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Tuesday: Break Free from Comparison

Ephesians 2:10 – For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

When you measure yourself against others, you overlook the unique way God designed you. He created you to fulfill a purpose that only you can do. Instead of focusing on what someone else has or does, focus on what God has given you. Celebrate your gifts, embrace your journey, and trust that He has equipped you for the good works He planned just for you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me break free from comparison and walk confidently in the gifts and purpose You have placed in my life.

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Wednesday: Sing Your Praise

Exodus 15:20 – Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron’s sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing.

After God parted the Red Sea and rescued the Israelites, Miriam could not stay silent. She grabbed a musical instrument and led others in joyful praise. She celebrated the moment, declaring God’s power and faithfulness. How often do we take time to truly celebrate what God has done? Even in hard times, there is always a reason to praise Him.

Prayer: Lord, let my heart overflow with gratitude and joy, knowing that You are always working for my good.

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Thursday: The Gift of Gratitude

Psalms 107:1 – Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale said, “The more you practice thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for.” Gratitude is not just about recognizing blessings; it is about shifting our perspective. When we choose to give thanks, we open our hearts to see God’s hand at work in all things. Thanksgiving is a reminder that His love and faithfulness never change, even in life’s challenges. Today, let gratitude fill your heart and overflow into the lives of those around you.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your goodness and love that never fails.

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Friday: Strength in Flexibility

James 4:10 – Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Strength is not only about standing firm but also about knowing when to bend. Surrendering to God’s plan does not mean giving up; it means allowing Him to guide you through the storm. When you lean into His strength rather than your own, you do not just survive; you grow.

Prayer: Dear Lord, teach me when to stand firm and when to bend in faith. Help me trust Your wisdom, knowing that true strength comes from surrendering to Your will.

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Saturday: The Gift of Believing

John 20:29 – Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is often part of the journey. When Thomas questioned, Jesus did not reject him or shame him. Instead, He met Thomas right where he was, offering the reassurance he needed. If you have doubts, know God is not afraid of your questions. He welcomes them. Bring your uncertainties to Him, and trust that He will meet you with love, truth, and the peace your heart longs for.

Prayer: Jesus, strengthen my faith and remind me of the blessing that comes from believing without seeing.

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Sunday: Hope Has Come

Isaiah 9:2 – The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of great darkness a light has dawned.

As this issue comes to a close, a new season is just beginning. Today marks the first day of Advent; a time of anticipation, reflection, and preparation. Just as Advent invites us to look ahead to the coming of Christ, endings remind us that something new is constantly unfolding. As you read this last devotion for November, carry with you the hope that this season brings.

Prayer: Lord, as this Advent season begins, help me make space for stillness and wonder.

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