

Devotions 2025: December 8 to December 14

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

Monday: Sacred Stillness

Psalm 46:10 – “Be still, and know that I am God.”

When you slow down, you make space to breathe, to listen and hear the whisper of God's love. He is not in a hurry, and you do not have to be either. Let this be a day of calm trust, where peace and presence meet.

Prayer: *Father, help me slow down and soak in Your nearness. Let my stillness make room for wonder.*

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Tuesday: Made to Create

Ephesians 2:10 – We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

Creativity is a gift from God's image within us. Whether through words, music, movement, or ideas yet unspoken, it is meant to grow. Do not dismiss the stirrings of inspiration; they are often invitations. Give your creativity room to breathe and watch how God uses it to bring light and beauty into the world.

Prayer: *Lord, thank You for planting creativity in me. Help me nurture it with courage and joy, trusting it comes from You.*

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Wednesday: A Waiting Heart

Psalm 130:5 – I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his Word I put my hope.

Waiting is not easy, especially when answers feel far away. But God is never late. His timing holds purpose and goodness. Keep trusting, even in the silence. He sees you, and He is working.

Prayer: *God of hope, help me wait with trust. Let Your Word anchor my heart and steady my spirit.*

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Thursday: The First Spark of Change

Psalm 51:10 – Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Sometimes we know we need change. We just do not know where to begin. Real transformation starts from the inside out. You do not have to fix everything at once; you only need to open your heart. God specializes in renewal, even when you feel stuck.

Prayer: *Lord, begin Your work in me. Change what I can not change alone, and give me a heart that stays close to Yours.*

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Friday: Mercy in the Morning

Luke 1:78 – “Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven.”

Morning light unfolds softly, touching the world with warmth and promise. That is how God's mercy finds you. After a long night, it comes with clarity and peace. Whatever you are holding today, lift your eyes. His love is rising to meet you.

Prayer: *God of mercy, let the light of Your kindness shine through my heaviness. Help me begin this day resting in Your gentle care.*

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Saturday: A Joy to Remember

Psalm 77:11 – I will remember the deeds of the Lord, yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

Christmas Joy is meant to be savored, warm lights glowing, voices singing, hearts gathering in love. In this season, let happiness take root. Relish the beauty, kindness, and wonder. These moments are sacred memories that can brighten any season to come.

Prayer: *Lord, thank You for the joy this season brings. Help me slow down, savor it, and remember Your goodness in every light and every smile.*

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Sunday: Always Near

Matthew 1:23 – “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means, “God with us”).

You are never alone; not in your joy, questions, or pain. In Jesus, God did not just visit; He stayed. His name is the promise: Immanuel, “God with us.” That means today, no matter how you feel, He is already closer than your next breathe.

Prayer: Immanuel, thank You for stepping into my story. Help me feel Your nearness in every part of my day.

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