

## **Devotions 2025: December 15 to December 21**

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

**Monday:** Longing for the Promise

*Jeremiah 23:5-6 - “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch....This is the name by which he will be called”  
The Lord Our Righteous Savior.”*

The world waited long for the promised Savior, and He came. That promise was not forgotten. Remember that if you are waiting for something today, God keeps His word. His timing may stretch your patience but never your hope. Even now, He works in ways you may not yet see; preparing your heart to receive His best.

*Prayer: Lord, I am holding on to Your promises. Help me wait with trust, knowing You are always faithful.*

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**Tuesday:** Right Where You are Meant to Be

*Psalms 16:6 – The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.*

In life, we often wonder if we have chosen the right road, made the right turn, or missed something important. Uncertainty creeps in, and we question where we stand. But God meets us in the middle of the unknown. Even here; especially here; grace is at work. You are not off course. You are exactly where you are meant to be, held in the care of a God who never loses track of His beloved.

*Prayer: Lord, help me trust that this place, this moment, is part of Your plan. Let me live today with purpose and peace.*

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**Wednesday:** A Song in the Air

*Psalm 96:1 – Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

Sometimes it only takes a few notes of a familiar carol to bring your heart to stillness. The melodies of Christmas carry more than tradition; they carry wonder, joy, longing. They remind you that the first Christmas was welcomed with a song: angels filling the sky, proclaiming peace on earth. Even now, music opens your soul to something deeper. It becomes your quiet hallelujah, lifting your heart to the God who came near.

*Prayer: Lord, let every carol and chorus I hear this season awaken my joy. Tune my heart to sing of Your love, fresh and full of hope.*

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**Thursday:** Honoring Loved Ones in Heaven

*Hebrews 12:1 – Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses....*

This season may carry an ache; a missing seat, a silent memory. But heaven is not far. In the light of Christ, love continues, unbroken. Those who have gone before still surround us with the legacy of their lives. And you remember them, you carry their light. In your joy, you reflect their love.

*Prayer: God of comfort, thank You for those who shaped my life. Help me carry their spirit with gentleness and grace this season.*

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**Friday:** Courage to Stand

*1 Corinthians 16:13 – Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.*

Courage does not always roar. Sometimes it looks like standing still when others run or speaking the truth when silence is easier. When you are called to defend what is good and right, you do not stand alone. God's strength is already rising in you. He equips those who trust Him.

*Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to hold fast to what I believe, even when it is hard. Let me stand in Your strength, not my own.*

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**Saturday:****Wisdom Grows with Time**

*Job 12:12 – “Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?”*

Wisdom grows each year, rooted in reflection, shaped by grace. If your journey has brought you through trials, it has also brought you wisdom, hard-won, deeply rooted, and full of grace. Your insights matter. Your experience is a gift to yourself and others who are still learning the way.

*Prayer: God of all seasons, thank You for the wisdom time brings. Help me honor it, share it, and keep growing in it.*

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**Sunday:     What Are You Building?**

*Psalm 127:1 – Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor is vain.*

This season invites reflection; on what you have done and what you are becoming. Are you building a life that lasts? A legacy of kindness, faith, and impact? Every small choice shapes the foundation. And when God is the builder, even ordinary work becomes holy.

*Prayer: Lord, guide the work of my hands and heart. Help me build what reflects You. Let me see my life as a part of something greater.*

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