

Devotions 2025: December 22 to December 28

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

Monday: The Sound of Good News

Isaiah 52:7 – “How beautiful.....are the feet of those who bring good news.”

The news of Jesus' coming brought comfort, peace, and joy to those who heard it. You carry that same good news now. Let it shape your words, heart, and how you move through the world. The world still longs for light.

Prayer: *God, let my life reflect the good new of Your love. Fill me with joy that I can share with others.*

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Tuesday: Hearts Made Ready

Luke 3:4 – “Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.”

As the day draws near, the invitation remains the same: prepare your heart; not with perfection but with openness. Let every distraction or fear be cleared away so you can receive Him fully. He is not far off; He is coming close. Holiness does not require performance, only surrender and space for God to move.

Prayer: *Lord, help me clear space for You. Let my heart be ready to receive Your presence and love.*

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Wednesday: The Nearness of Glory

Luke 2:11 – “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

The night Jesus was born, heaven touched the earth, not with spectacle but with the cry of a baby and the stillness of a manger. God’s glory arrived quietly, carried by love. That same glory draws near to you even now. “The sacred moments,” writes Frederick Buechner, “the moments of miracle, are often the everyday moments.” The miracle was not only in Bethlehem. Reflect on the wonder that God came near; and still does.

Prayer: *Jesus, thank You for stepping into this world with love and humility. Let my heart respond with worship.*

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Thursday: His Indescribable Gift

2 Corinthians 9:15 – Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

At the center of Christmas is a gift no words can capture: Jesus, the fullness of God’s love wrapped in humanity. He came for you. Whatever this day holds, remember that you are deeply known and deeply loved. Every other gift fades in comparison, but this One will carry you through every season ahead.

Prayer: *Father, thank You for the gift of Jesus. May His love shape everything I give and receive today.*

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Friday: The Faithfulness Behind You

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

When you look back on this year, you will see difficult moments and others full of grace. Through it all, God has been present. His love never wavered, even when yours did. Gratitude grows when we remember where we have been; and Who has been with us. And sometimes thankfulness opens our eyes to blessings we had missed before.

Prayer: *Lord, thank You for walking with me through every high and low. You have been faithful in more ways than I can see.*

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Saturday: Letting Go

1 Peter 5:7 – Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Some burdens are not meant to be carried into tomorrow. God invites you to had over what is heavy; not to forget it but to trust Him with it. Releasing anxiety does not mean you stop caring; it means you believe He is big enough to hold it all. Letting go does not mean giving up; it means giving over.

Prayer: *God, I release what I cannot fix. Thank You for caring so deeply about the things that weigh on my heart.*

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Sunday: Strength for the Unknown

Deuteronomy 31:6 – “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid... for the Lor your God goes with you.”

You do not need to know every step ahead to take the next one. Strength does not come from certainty; it comes from presence. God promises to go with you. You can step forward with courage; not because you know what is coming but because you know He is already there. His presence is the steady ground beneath your feet.

Prayer: *Lord, give me courage for whatever comes next. I trust that I will never face the unknown alone.*

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