

Devotions 2025/2026: December 29 to January 4

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

Monday: New Mercies, Always

Lamentations 3:22-23 – Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning.

God never runs out of mercy. No matter what this year has held, His compassion continues into the next. You do not have to carry shame or regret; He is already offering a fresh beginning. His love resets the story every morning. Your failures do not define you; His faithfulness does.

Prayer: *Father, thank You for Your mercy. Help me begin each day with the confidence of being fully forgiven.*

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Tuesday: Make Room for Hope

Romans 15:13 – May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

Hope is a choice; a quiet, steady decision to trust God more than what you can see. Make space for hope. Let it rise above fear and lift your eyes to what is possible with Him. Even in silence, hope gently reminds you: God is still at work. He is still writing your story.

Prayer: *God of hope, fill my heart with joy and peace. Help me trust You with the things I cannot yet see.*

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Wednesday: The God Who Goes Before

Deuteronomy 31:8 – The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

As you stand on the edge of something new, take a moment to remember who is leading you. God has already gone ahead. Nothing tomorrow holds can outmatch the One who walks before you in love and power. The future is unknown to you but never to Him.

Prayer: *Lord, thank You for going before me into the year ahead. I place it in Your hands with complete trust.*

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Thursday: All Things New

Revelation 21:5 – He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”

The start of a new year is a natural time to pause, take a breath, and begin again. But God's renewing work is not limited to a date on the calendar. He is constantly unfolding something new in your spirit, routines, and perspective. You do not have to carry the weight of yesterday into what comes next. Let His mercy meet you right where you are, and step into this new season with open hands and a hopeful heart.

Prayer: *Lord, thank You for new beginnings. Renew my heart, and help me walk with open hands into what You have planned.*

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Friday: Choose What Lasts

1 John 2:17 - The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

So many things demand your energy and attention, but not all of them last. God calls you to live for what endures. What you choose today can echo into eternity. Take a moment to ask Him what truly matters.

Prayer: *God, help me choose what matters most. Align my priorities with Your eternal purpose.*

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Saturday: Ask Boldly

James 4:2 – You do not have because you do not ask God.

God welcomes your boldest prayers. Not because He is unaware of your needs but because prayer keeps your heart close to His. Do not hold back; bring your hopes, fears, and desires to the One who listens with love.

Prayer: *Father, I bring my whole heart to You today. Teach me to ask with faith, not fear.*

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Sunday: Planted with Purpose

Psalm 1:3 – That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yield its fruit in season.

God has planed you with purpose. Growth may feel slow, but roots matter more than speed. God is nurturing something profound within you that will bear fruit in time. Do not compare your season to someone else's; your time will come. Stay rooted in Him, and trust the process.

Prayer: *Lord, plant me where You want me. Help me grow deep in You, even when I cannot yet see the fruit.*

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