

## **Devotions 2026: April 6 to April 12**

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

### **Monday:**            Beyond Easter Morning

*John 14:19 – “Because I live, you also will live.”*

The promise of the Resurrection is meant for every day. On Easter Monday, the risen Jesus walks with us into ordinary life; into our work, our routines, and our worries. His presence reminds us that nothing is too small for His love and nothing is too broken for His healing.

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me carry the joy of Easter into tomorrow. Steady my steps with Your presence and guide me in the peace of Your love.*

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### **Tuesday:**            The God Who Sees

*Genesis 16:13 – She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me.”*

Alone in the desert, Hagar, Sarai’s servant who had been cast out, discovered something astonishing: God saw her. Not the powerful or the celebrated, but her, a woman fleeing in despair. The God who sees is also the God who sees you. He names your worth and reminds you that you are never invisible in His presence.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for being the God who sees me. Help me to live with confidence in Your loving gaze, to remember that I am fully known, fully seen, and deeply loved by You.*

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**Wednesday:** When God Feels Unfair

*Jeremiah 12:1 – “You are always righteous, Lord, when I bring a case before you. Yet I would speak with you about your justice.”*

The prophet Jeremiah loved God deeply, yet he still wrestled with hard questions, such as why do the wicked seem to prosper while the faithful struggle? Scripture does not hide this tension. There are days when God may feel distant, even unfair. Bringing that ache He hears you even when your words are raw. In the mystery of His ways, you are invited to be honest, to grieve, and to keep trusting that His goodness is deeper than your present understanding.

*Prayer: Lord, when I cannot make sense of Your ways, hear my cry. Hold me steady in the questions, and lead me back to trust in Your heart.*

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**Thursday:** Courage to Begin Again

*Isaiah 43:18-19 – “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing.”*

Sometimes the hardest step of faith is letting go of what was so we can embrace what God is doing now. New beginnings often feel uncertain, but they are filled with His promise. Trust Him as you step into what is next.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, release my grip on the past and open my hands to receive the new work You are doing.*

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**Friday:** When Songs Heal

*Psalms 71:23 – My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you; I whom you have delivered.*

A song can shift the atmosphere of a room and soften the ache of your weary heart. Singing to God is more than a melody; it is medicine for your soul. Even a whispered hymn in the kitchen or car can remind you that He has delivered you before and will again.

*Prayer: Lord, let my song today be healing to me and an offering of praise to You.*

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**Saturday:** God Who Carries

*Deuteronomy 1:31(KJV) – And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the Lord thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.*

The wilderness can feel endless, but it is also where God's faithfulness shines brightest. Step by step, He provided food, guidance, and shelter, proving that His presence does not falter in your hard places. The desert was never meant to be forever; it is a testimony that His love sustains you until you reach the place He has prepared.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness in every wilderness. Remind me that each step forward is held in Your care.*

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**Sunday:** On the Shores of Obedience

*James 1:22 – Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

Joppa was the port where Jonah ran from God and Peter obeyed Him. Both men stood on the same shore, but their choices led to very different outcomes. Each day, you are faced with decisions. Will you follow His Word or walk away? Obedience opens the door to blessing and peace.

*Prayer: Lord, give me courage to obey You., even when it costs me comfort. Lead me in Your ways.*

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