

Devotions 2026: April 13 to April 19

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

Monday: When Worry Knocks

Isaiah 26:3 – You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

Worry can feel like a thief sneaking in to steal your joy. But peace has a stronger claim. By fixing your thoughts on God, you trade anxious spirals for steady trust. His word becomes a shield, calming fears that once seemed overwhelming.

Prayer: Prince of Peace, keep my mind fixed on You. Quiet my worry with Your perfect peace.

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Tuesday: The Lamp Beside the Bed

1 Samuel 3:3 – The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Before Samuel ever heard God's call, there was a lamp still burning in the temple. Even in the dark, God's presence was steady, His light unextinguished. Sometimes the slightest flicker is enough to remind you that He has not gone anywhere.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the light that never goes out. Teach me to wait in Your presence until I hear Your call.

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Wednesday: Grace in the Balance

Philippians 4:19 – My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Balancing a budget can be a source of worry, but God's math is always abundant. He adds mercy where you lack, multiplies peace when You are afraid, and cancels the debts you could never pay. His ledger always tilts toward grace. Provision is more than supply; it is the reminder that we live held, not hustling.

Prayer: Provider God, let me rest in Your care and live with confidence in Your abundance.

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Thursday: Nicodemus's Rebirth

John 3:3 – Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, full of questions. He thought faith was about rules and knowledge, but Jesus spoke of something deeper; being born again, starting fresh in the Spirit. Rebirth is not about fixing oneself; it is about receiving new life from God. Like Nicodemus, you are invited to step out of the shadows into the embrace of His renewing love.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for the gift of new birth in Your Spirit. Help me live each day as one reborn into Your love,

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Friday: Devotion in the Details

Deuteronomy 6:5 – Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Devotion does not always look like mountaintop worship; it is often hidden in the dailiness of life. Folding laundry, showing up for work, choosing kindness; all become sacred when done in love for Him. The details of your life are threads, and devotion is what weaves them into worship.

Prayer: Lord, I give You my heart today. Draw me closer in love and devotion to You.

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Saturday: The Risk of Forgiveness

Colossians 3:13 – Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Forgiveness can feel risky; like letting go of control, like opening the door for hurt again. But forgiveness is not trust; it is release. It is placing justice in God's hands instead of your own. Every time you forgive, you choose to be free from the past.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for forgiving me fully. Help me extend that same grace to others.

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Sunday: Hannah's Prayer

1 Samuel 1:10 – In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly.

Hannah teaches us that prayer does not need polish; it requires honesty. She poured out her anguish before God, not holding anything back, and He met her in it. Her story reminds us that our rawest prayers are often the ones He honors most. We do not have to be strong in His presence; we only have to be real.

Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to bring You my whole heart in prayer. Teach me to trust that You hear me even through tears.

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