

Devotions 2026: May 11 to May 17

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

Monday: Cleansed and Renewed

Psalm 51:10 – Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Spring cleaning is not only for closets; it can be for our hearts too. Regret, bitterness, and guilt pile up like clutter until we bring them before God. His forgiveness clears the debris and makes room for peace. Renewal begins when we let Him do the cleaning.

Prayer: Merciful Lord, sweep away what hinders me. Create in me a heart made new by Your Spirit.

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Tuesday: The Sacred Ordinary

Matthew 6:11 – “Give us today our daily bread.”

Some days are not dramatic; they are filled with errands, work. Or chores. Yet Jesus taught us to pray for “daily bread,” showing that ordinary needs matter deeply to God. The sacred ordinary is where His provision shows up in ways we might overlook.

Prayer: Lord, help me notice You in the small details of life. Thank You for daily bread and daily grace.

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Wednesday: Shining Quietly

Matthew 5:16 – “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Light does not argue with darkness; it simply shines. Sometimes the brightest testimony is not a sermon but a small act of kindness. When we live with quiet integrity and compassion, others catch a glimpse of God’s heart.

Prayer: Lord, help my light shine in gentle, steady ways that honor You.

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Thursday: The Joy of Giving

Matthew 10:8 – “Freely you have received; freely give.”

Generosity grows out of gratitude. Every blessing we hold is a reminder of God’s kindness and care; far more than we could ever earn or deserve. When we open our hands, joy overflows. Scripture tells us that God loves a cheerful giver because each act of giving reflects His own generous heart.

Prayer: Generous Father, thank You for every gift You have placed in my life. May my giving be filled with joy and point others back to You.

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Friday: Praying the What-Ifs

Psalms 56:3 – When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Fear thrives on “what if” questions; what if this goes wrong, what if you fail, what if you lose? Prayer turns those questions into places of trust. Instead of circling in anxiety, you can hand the what-ifs to God, who holds every possible outcome in His care.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, turn my what-ifs into faith, and let me rest in tomorrow held by You.

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Saturday: Fixed on the Horizon

Hebrew 12:2 – We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.

When the road feels long, your strength comes from where you set your gaze. Fixing your eyes on Jesus keeps you from being swallowed by distractions or discouragement. He goes before you, clearing the way and showing you that endurance is not about your ability but about His faithfulness.

Prayer: Jesus, lift my eyes above my challenges. Help me keep my gaze on You instead of my fears.

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Sunday: The Strength of Joy

Nehemiah 8:10 – “The joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Joy is more than happiness; it is a fortress for your weary heart. When sorrow presses in, God’s joy becomes a shelter, reminding you that your story is held inside His goodness. This gladness is not fragile but enduring, a strength that grows deeper the more you lean into Him.

Prayer: Lord, let Your joy be the shelter that steadies my soul. Keep me rooted in the gladness only You can give.

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