

Devotions 2026: June 15 to June 21

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

Monday: When You are Afraid of Disappointing People

Proverbs 29:25 – Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

It is impossible to make everyone happy, and yet so many of us try. God invites you to trade fear of disappointing others for the freedom of pleasing Him. When you let go of trying to manage how people see you, you live in alignment with God's will rather than others' approval.

Prayer: Lord, free me from needing to meet every expectation. Help me walk in the confidence of knowing that I am fully loved by you.

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Tuesday: Spark Creativity

Exodus 31:3 – “I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge, and with all kinds of skills.”

Sometimes creativity begins with a spark so small you almost miss it; a thought, a color, a whisper of an idea. But when you give that spark room, it becomes a way for God to refresh your spirit and bring beauty into the world through your hands.

Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to try, the freedom to play, and the joy of creating something that reflects Your goodness.

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Wednesday: Carried by Kindness

Ephesians 4:32 – Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Kindness does not always look heroic. Sometimes it is as simple as slowing down long enough to really see the grocery clerk who looks tired. One thoughtful gesture can shift a person's entire day.

Prayer: *Lord, show me one person today who needs a moment of kindness. May my actions become a reminder of Your love to them.*

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Thursday: The Freedom of Forgiveness

Colossians 3:13 – Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Stephen's story reminds us that forgiveness is a powerful kind of freedom. Even in its darkest moment, Stephen chose grace over bitterness, proving that a heart anchored in Christ can rise above hurt. When you release what weighs you down, God rushes in with peace that no resentment can rival. Forgiveness opens the door to healing.

Prayer: *Dear Lord, give me the courage to forgive and let Your peace take its place in my heart.*

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Friday: The Crown of Life

James 1:12 – Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life.

God strengthens your endurance through challenges, shaping a faith that holds steady. The "crown of life" is not just a future promise; it brightens your journey now, reminding you that every trial has purpose.

Prayer: *Merciful Lord, give me endurance for today's challenges. Help me stand firm until Your purpose is complete.*

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Saturday: The Faith to Celebrate Others

Romans 12:15 – Rejoice with those who rejoice.

It takes faith to celebrate someone else's blessing even when you are waiting for your own. But when you rejoice with another, you loosen the grip of comparison. God's goodness is not scarce. He has enough for all His children.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to rejoice fully in the gifts You give others, trusting that Your goodness is infinite.

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Sunday: A Father's Heart

Psalms 103:13 – As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

God's love carries the tenderness of a perfect Father. He knows your needs before you speak them and holds your heart with patience. Whether Father's Day brings joy, longing, or awe, God's care remains a constant. His compassion does not depend on your strength; it flows from His.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me.

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