

Devotions 2026: July 13 to July 19

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

Monday: Holding Money with Open Hands

Matthew 6:21 – “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

God knows the pull that possessions have on us, which is why He invites us to treat everything we own as a gift to steward, not a prize to cling to. When you hold your finances with open hands, generosity becomes easier, worry grows lighter, and gratitude rises naturally.

Prayer: Lord, help me see money as You do and trust the You will always provide what I truly need.

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Tuesday: Using the Gifts God Placed in You

1 Peter 4:10 – Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.

Your talents are intentional threads God wove into you before you ever took your first breath. The things you do well, the passions that light you up, the skills that come naturally to you, all of them can become blessings when you offer them back to God. Serve Him by showing up with the gifts only you carry.

Prayer: Dear Lord, open my eyes to the people I can serve today, and help me offer what I have with gratitude.

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Wednesday: Finding Joy in Something New

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

God cares about the small, joyful parts of your life; the things that make you smile, calm your mind, or help you feel like yourself again. A new hobby is not selfish or trivial; it is a gift God uses to lift your spirit and spark delight. When you try something new, you create space for wonder to return.

Prayer: Merciful God, guide me to try new things that awaken my creativity and renew my spirit.

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Thursday: Good Work with a Good Heart

Colossians 3:23 – Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.

When you give your best, your effort becomes a testimony of God's character in you. People notice when you show up with integrity and treat your work as an offering of service rather than an obligation.

Prayer: Lord, help me serve with excellence, humility, and a heart that honors You in everything I do.

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Friday: Moving with God

Hebrews 12:1-2 – Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus.

Caring for your body is one of the ways you honor the life God has given you. Whether it is a simple walk or a gentle stretch, movement can clear your mind and lift your spirit. When you exercise, you are reminded that God designed you with strength and purpose.

Prayer: Lord, help me care for my body with gratitude. Renew my strength as I move, and let every step draw my focus back to You.

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Saturday: Offer Grace Freely

Luke 6:36 – “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

Everyone you meet is carrying something you cannot see: quiet fears, old wounds, moments they wish they could redo. We all stumble. And the same God who steadies you invites you to extend that steadiness to others. Grace given freely becomes grace multiplied.

Prayer: Lord, help me look at others with understanding instead of criticism. Teach me to offer the same mercy You have poured over my life again and again.

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Sunday: When Every Day Feels the Same

Galatians 6:9 – Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

God does some of His most important work in ordinary days. When nothing looks different on the surface, He is strengthening your roots, deepening your endurance, and planting seeds that will eventually break into something beautiful.

Prayer: Dear Lord, when life feels repetitive, remind me to trust You with what is growing beneath the surface.

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