

Devotions 2026: August 3 to August 9

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

Monday: Jesus Asked...About Our Deepest Needs

Mark 10:51 – “What do you want me to do for you?”

Jesus asked this question of a blind man who had been crying out for mercy. He already knew the answer. Still, He invited the man to say it aloud. Sometimes we hesitate to name what we long for because when we speak honestly about what we need instead of pretending we are fine. What would you say if Jesus asked you that today, without interruption, without hurry?

Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to name my deepest needs and the faith to place them in Your hands.

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Tuesday: What Is Offered in Trust

John 6:9 - “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish.”

Jesus did not wait for abundance before He multiplied it. His hands turn offerings into miracles, not because of what you bring but because of who He is. When the boy placed his simple meal in Jesus’s hands, it became more than enough. In the same way, God delights in using what feels small or insufficient when it is offered with trust.

Prayer: Jesus, here is what I have today. I offer it to You; trusting You will use it in ways I cannot imagine.

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Wednesday: What Is Shaping Your Heart?

Proverbs 20:5 - The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out.

God invites you to pay attention to how your days are shaping your heart. Notice what drains your spirit. Name it with honesty and compassion. Then turn to God and ask, *What are You inviting me to release or renew?*

Prayer: *Dear Lord, give me insight into what affects my spirit. Guide me to make choices that protect the life You have given me and honor how You made me.*

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Thursday: The Gift of Contentment

1 Timothy 6:6 - Godliness with contentment is great gain.

Contentment grows when you notice what God has already provided. Your hopes do not disappear, but you are freed from constant comparison and striving. When gratitude takes root, peace follows close behind. You begin to see that what you have right now is enough for this moment, and that realization itself is a gift.

Prayer: *God, teach me contentment. Open my eyes to recognize Your provision with gratitude.*

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Friday: Enough Light for the Next Step

Psalms 119:105 - Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

God's word shines around you like light, comforting you and gently showing you the way forward. That light does not just reassure you; it illuminates where your next steps should go, revealing what needs adjusting. Clarity comes not all at once, but steadily, as you keep your eyes on Him.

Prayer: *Almighty God, draw me to seek Your light and walk faithfully in it.*

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Saturday:**Receiving God's Care**

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

Caring for yourself is part of faithfulness. When you tend to your body, your mind, and your spirit, you honor the life God has entrusted to you. Rest, nourishment, and quiet moments make room for God to meet you with renewal.

Prayer: Loving God, help me receive self-care as a gift and tend my life with the same compassion You show me.

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Sunday:**Finishing What You Started**

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.

Some tasks feel heavier the closer you get to the end, but that is exactly when your perseverance matters most. God sees every steady step you take and honors your commitment. You only need to keep going, one small step at a time. Trust God with the outcome.

Prayer: Faithful God, give me strength to complete what You have placed before me and renew my courage to keep going.

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