

Devotions 2026: August 10 to August 16

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

Monday: Jesus Asked...About Fear

Matthew 8:26 - "Why are you so afraid?"

The wind was still loud. The waves were still high. Jesus asked this question while the storm raged around them. He did not wait for calm seas before addressing their fear. Fear does not disqualify faith; it reveals where trust is still growing. When anxiety rises, remember that His presence in the boat matters more than the size of the storm.

Prayer: Lord, when fear rises within me, remind me that You are near. Teach me to trust You even when the waters feel rough.

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Tuesday: An Invitation to Rest

Matthew 11:28 - "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Jesus invites you to come as you are: tired, burdened, or unsure of what comes next. He offers rest freely, with open arms. You receive it as a gift, already waiting for you. When you come to Him, you find relief, acceptance, and the kind of rest that restores.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, open me to come to You honestly and receive the rest You freely offer.

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Wednesday: Release Your Worries

Matthew 6:27 - "Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

Worry often disguises itself as responsibility. It feels active, even productive. But Jesus exposes it for what it is; an attempt to control what was never ours to manage. Faith grows when you release the illusion of control and accept the limits of your reach. Peace comes not from solving everything but from surrendering what you cannot solve.

Prayer: Dear God, teach me the difference between responsibility and control. Free me to release what was never mine to carry.

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Thursday: Seen and Changed

Luke 19:5 - "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

Zacchaeus expected to stay hidden, watching from a distance. Instead, Jesus saw him, called him by name, and chose to be near. Grace came first; before any change was made. God's love meets you exactly where you are, and that love has the power to transform your heart from the inside out.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for seeing me fully. Let Your grace continue to shape my heart and my choices.

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Friday: God's Plumb Line

Amos 7:8 - "I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel."

A plumb line does not exist to accuse; it exists to guide things back into alignment. God's truth works the same way. When He reveals where life has drifted, it is always an invitation to grow stronger, steadier, and more whole. Correction from God is never meant to harm but to heal.

Prayer: Dear God, align my life with Your truth. Thank You for guiding me with love and care.

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Saturday: Ruth's Ordinary Faithfulness

Ruth 2:12 - "May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

Ruth's obedience unfolded through daily choices, steady work, and faithful love. Nothing about her days seemed remarkable, yet God used every moment to shape a beautiful future. Your ordinary faithfulness matters more than you know. God is at work even when progress feels unseen.

Prayer: Dear Lord, assure me that my small acts of obedience are part of Your greater purpose.

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Sunday: The Gift of Humility

James 4:6 - "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

Humility opens the door for grace. When you let go of the pressure to prove yourself, you make room for learning, growth, and a deeper connection with God. A humble heart is strong enough to rely on God's wisdom about its own.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, keep my heart open and teachable. Show me how to walk humbly, relying on Your grace each day.

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