

Devotions 2026: August 31 to September 6

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

Monday: Jesus Asked...About Faith

Matthew 16:15 - "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Jesus's question is deeply personal. It moves beyond what others believe and asks what lives in your own heart. Faith is built on your relationship. Over time, grace received, prayers answered, and mercy experienced shape how you respond. Faith grows as you walk with Him.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I want to answer You honestly. Deepen my faith as I come to know You more with each passing day.

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Tuesday: Welcome September

Isaiah 43:19 - "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

The shift in season is an invitation to notice what God may be starting in you. Even if summer's ease is fading and new responsibilities arise, the Lord is already at work, preparing growth where you may only see change. New beginnings often begin quietly. Pay attention.

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to the new thing You are doing. I welcome this month with expectancy and faith.

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Wednesday: The Gift of Being Human

Psalm 103:8 - The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

Being human means learning, growing, and starting again more than once. God meets you with compassion in every step of that process. Faith is not about perfection; it is about relying on a loving God who is patiently beside you through it all.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your compassion toward me. I choose to move forward with grace, knowing I am loved just as I am.

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Thursday: Hope Needs Wisdom

Proverbs 21:5 - The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Hope gives you something to reach toward, but wisdom shapes the choices that carry you there. God calls you to move thoughtfully, not hurriedly, seeking counsel, praying carefully, and weighing what truly matters. Wise decisions are rarely impulsive; they grow from steady reflection and trust. When you invite God into your planning, He steadies your steps.

Prayer: God, guide my decisions today. Give me discernment that keeps my hope grounded and my steps secure.

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Friday: You Belong

Romans 12:5 - So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

God never intended for you to walk this life alone. Through faith, you are connected to others in ways that matter more than you may realize. Your presence, your gifts, and your care all play a role in strengthening the whole. You belong; just as you are.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for placing me within Your family. Show me where I belong and how to live faithfully.

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Saturday:**The Spirit at Work in You**

Titus 3:5 - He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit renews from the inside out, reshaping desires, strengthening character, and forming Christ within you. This renewal is not about starting over again and again but about becoming who you were always meant to be. His grace does not just reset your life; it restores your heart.

Prayer: Gracious God, continue Your renewing work within me. Shape my character and deepen my faith through the power of Your Spirit.

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Sunday:**Holding Grief and Hope Together**

Psalm 34:18 - The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.

Grief does not disappear all at once, and God does not rush it away. Instead, He stays close; meeting sorrow with compassion and holding hope alongside loss. Even in seasons that hurt, he continues to bring healing in His time.

Prayer: God, thank You for staying near when my heart is heavy. Teach me to hold both grief and hope, trusting You to bring healing.

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