

Devotions 2026: September 14 to September 20

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

Monday: Jesus Asked ... About What Matters Most

Mark 8:36 - "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

Jesus reminds us to look beyond achievement to what truly sustains the heart. You can be admired yet feel empty, busy yet spiritually distant. His question cuts gently but clearly, calling us back to what lasts: peace, love, and a life rooted in Him.

Prayer: Lord, center my heart on what truly matters. Teach me to value what draws me closer to You.

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Tuesday: Choosing Peace

Romans 12:18 - If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Peace does not require everything to be resolved or everyone to agree. It begins with a willing heart. God draws you close and helps you choose grace and forgiveness over resentment. Even small steps toward peace can open the way for healing.

Prayer: Lord, give me courage to seek peace. Strengthen me to listen well, speak gentle, and surrender what I cannot control.

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Wednesday: Quiet Faith

Genesis 6:22 - Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Though scripture says little about Noah's wife, her obedience was part of the journey. She trusted God enough to step into the unknown and leave ever behind. Sometimes faith is not loud or visible; it is steady, loyal, and quietly obedient. God sees that faith when others do not.

Prayer: Dear Lord, I want to trust You when my faith feels unseen. Give me strength to follow You faithfully.

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Thursday: Living for His Glory

Matthew 5:16 - "Let your light shine before others."

God's glory is reflected through everyday faithfulness. Small choices made with love, kindness, and integrity point others toward Him. You do not need to be perfect to shine; just willing to let God work through your ordinary moments.

Prayer: Almighty God, may my life reflect Your goodness in both the big moments and the small.

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Friday: When You Pause to Notice

Psalms 145:9 - The Lord is good to all.

God's goodness reaches into every season of your life, even the uncertain ones. He provides, sustains, and cares for you in ways both seen and unseen. When You pause to notice His goodness, gratitude rises naturally, bringing peace with it.

Prayer: Loving Father, thank You for Your goodness in my life; yesterday, today, and always.

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Saturday:**Grace Is Enough**

2 Corinthians 12:9 - He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Grace meets you where strength runs out. It carries you through weakness and restores you when you fall short. You do not have to prove yourself or hold everything together. God's grace is already enough for whatever today brings.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for Your sufficient grace. Help me rest in it.

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Sunday:**When God Whispers Direction**

Isaiah 30:21 - Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

When the way forward feels uncertain, God often guides you quietly from within. His direction may not come as a dramatic sign but as a gentle nudge, a growing conviction, or a deep sense of peace about the next step. Learning to recognize His voice takes time. As you slow down and listen, clarity begins to emerge.

Prayer: Gracious God, attune my heart to recognize Your voice. Make me sensitive to the quiet ways You lead.

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