

Devotions 2026: October 5 to October 11

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

Monday: What Bare Trees Know

Daniel 2:22 - He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.

There is a stretch in October when the leaves do not fall gradually; they let go all at once. Within days, the view changes. Branches come into focus. Some seasons do that to a person. What is no longer necessary falls away, and you are left with what is essential. You can feel exposed, even stark. But this experience brings clarity that gentler seasons do not.

Prayer: Dear God, help me trust what this season is revealing, even when it feels bare.

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Tuesday: The You He Created

Psalms 139:14 - I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

There are days when you may feel a little out of alignment; like you are not quite yourself. But not defined by passing feelings: It is anchored in who God has already created you. You are not becoming someone new; you are gently being drawn back to who you have always been in Him.

Prayer: Lord, You know me better than I know myself. Steady my heart when I feel unsettled. Remind me who You created me to be.

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Wednesday: What You Have Already Been Given

Matthew 12:42 - “Something greater than Solomon is here.”

It is easy to keep looking ahead for the next answer; the next sign, the clearer moment. Jesus gently reminded those around Him that what they were searching for was already standing right in front of them. He is not off in the distance, waiting to be found. He is here, in the middle of your ordinary day, closer than you think.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, quiet the part of me that keeps looking ahead and help me recognize that You are already here.

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Thursday: Autumn Stillness

Psalm 62:5(NTL) – Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.

Autumn does not rush. The light shifts slowly. The air cools a little at a time. You notice it in small ways first; what you reach for, how the evenings feel, the way the world begins to draw inward. Without asking anything of you, the season shifts your pace. Maybe you are allowed to follow that rhythm. To slow down, to take in things as they are, and to let something in you settle too.

Prayer: Lord, help me move at the pace You are setting around me. Teach me to receive this season, not rush through it.

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Friday: Before You Have Said Goodbye

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Some endings arrive before you have made sense of them, when they do not yet feel finished. You might want more time and more control over how they close. But not every ending waits for your readiness; some ask for your trust. What is closing now is not outside of God’s timing, even if it feels out of sync with yours.

Prayer: God, help me trust Your timing, even when it does not match my own.

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Saturday:**The Grace You Extended**

1 Peter 2:23 - When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

There are moments when you realize that you gave more than was returned; your time, your care, your trust. And what you gave was not handled the way you hoped. That can leave a quiet ache. But your gift still counts. God sees the grace you extended, the patience you carried, and the good you chose anyway. He will help you move forward with both wisdom and an open heart.

Prayer: Dear God, protect my heart with wisdom, and help me carry kindness in a way that honors both You and me.

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Sunday:**When Freedom Feels Unfamiliar**

Mark 5:8 - For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!"

The man in this verse had lived so long in chaos that peace must have felt unfamiliar at first. When Jesus freed him, everything changed. Sometimes the very thing you have been praying for can feel new when it finally arrives. Healing, clarity, and freedom open the door to a different way of living. And Jesus does not just set you free; He stays with you, gently guiding you as you begin to live in what once felt out of reach.

Prayer: Lord, steady my heart in new places and help me feel at home in the life You are leading me into.

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