

## **Devotions 2024: May 27 to June 2**

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

### **Monday:** Honoring Sacrifice With Faith

*John 15:13 – Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

As we honor Memorial Day, reflect on the brave men and women who have selflessly sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Their courage and dedication serve as a beacon of strength, reminding us of the cost of our liberties and the resilience of our nation.

*Prayer: Lord, as I remember those who have given their lives in service, I pray for comfort for their families and strength for our nation.*

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### **Tuesday:** Divine Direction

*Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

Times of uncertainty teach you to seek His guidance. God is your ultimate guide when you feel lost. Trust in Him with all your heart and submit your decisions to Him. He will lead you to the right path.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant me the clarity of mind to recognize Your voice and follow Your lead in every decision I make.*

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**Wednesday:** Understanding Your Divine Purpose

*Ephesians 2:10 – For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

You are God’s masterpiece, created with a unique purpose, and your life’s calling is to perform the good works He has outlined for you. Embrace your divine assignment with faith, knowing that in fulfilling it, you are living according to God’s plan.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to courageously pursue the path You have set before me.*

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**Thursday:** Lessons From the Wise Woman of Abel

*2 Samuel 20:16-17 - A wise woman called from the city, “Listen! Listen! Tell Joab to come here so I can speak to him.” He came toward her, and she asked, “Are you Joab?” “I am,” he answered.*

Consider the story of the wise woman of Abel, who, though unnamed, played a pivotal role in her city’s survival. Her wisdom and courage in negotiating with Joab saved her people from destruction. Like the wise woman of Abel, be ready to use your understanding for the good of others.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant me the strength to make choices that are fair, just, and compassionate, and help me to extend kindness and empathy to those around me.*

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**Friday:** Your Faith Journey

*Hebrews 12:1 – Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

Celebrate the milestone of spending another two months seeking a stronger relationship with God. Reflect on the ups and downs of your faith journey, and recognize that every step you take, every challenge you face, and every victory you achieve has a purpose and is fueled by God’s love for you.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, I am truly grateful for all that you do for me. Thank you for Your love and care.*

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**Saturday:** Embrace Courage

*Joshua 1:9 - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*

Whenever you face a challenge, know that the Creator of the universe is right there with you, whispering courage into your heart and wrapping you in a blanket of strength. He's cheering you on, reminding you to be brave and to keep going.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, infuse me with Your strength. Guide me forward with courage, knowing You are always by my side.*

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**Sunday:** The Temple Within

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.*

Take a moment to marvel at this beautiful truth; your body is a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. You, unique and special, carry a piece of the Divine within you. Cherish this gift and honor God by the tender way that you care for yourself.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father guide me to see myself as a true reflection of Your love and grace.*

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