

Devotions 2024: July 8 to July 14

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

Monday: Choose Peace

Titus 3:1-2 - Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

IN the face of injustice, your instinct might be to seek revenge, but God calls you to a higher path. He urges you to be peaceful, considerate, and gentle. As the Christian author Max Lucado said, “Conflict is inevitable, but combat is optional.” Choose to respond to conflict with God’s love.

Prayer: Lord, give me the wisdom to respond to conflict with compassionate understanding.

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Tuesday: The Song of the City

Psalms 87:7 – As they make music they will sing, “All my fountains are in you.”

Your true source of inspiration and joy is found in God. When you seek Him, you will find your song, and with it, the ability to make beautiful music. All your fountains, your joy, hope, and peace spring from Him. Embrace this divine melody, and let it guide you through life’s symphony.

Prayer: Lord, tune my heart to the rhythm of Your love; let every beat echo Your grace and mercy.

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Wednesday: Gifts from Above

James 1:17 – Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does no change like shifting shadows.

God continuously showers you with His good and perfect blessings. When His gifts do not align with your desires, trust in His infinite wisdom, knowing that His love is constant and His grace abundant. Every gift that He gives is tailored to nourish your soul.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me to cherish Your gifts, knowing they come from Your loving hand.

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Thursday: Sacred Simplicity

Ecclesiastes 4:6 – Better one handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind.

The saying goes that bigger is better, but there is a sacred simplicity in having less. It is not about the quantity of what you hold, but the quality of life you lead. Embrace the peace that comes with contentment, recognizing the value of a tranquil heart over an exhaustive pursuit of the next best thing.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant me the wisdom to seek peace and satisfaction in the present moment.

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Friday: Overflowing Love and Grace

1 Timothy 1:14 – The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

When you feel unworthy or inadequate, remember that the grace of our Lord cannot be measured or limited. It is always available in abundance. His grace is ever-present and ready to envelop you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant me the wisdom to recognize that my worthiness

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Saturday: Surrender to Trust

Luke 12:22 – Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.”

Jesus tells us not to worry about the basics of living. His words are not just a suggestion but a command, a divine assurance of His care. Let that truth sink deep into your heart and bring peace to your soul.

Prayer: Dear Lord, when I worry, remind me that You are the Ultimate Provider; and I am under Your care.

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Sunday: Chosen and Appointed

John 15:16 – You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear; fruit that will last; and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

When you feel lost or unsure of your purpose, remember that you were chosen and appointed by God to bear lasting fruit. This divine appointment comes with a promise; that whatever you ask in His name, He will give you.

Prayer: Dear God, I am eager to live my purpose and bear lasting fruit in Your name.

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