

# **DAILY DEVOTIONS**

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The Holy Spirit is the One who is making us more and more like Christ. He uses Scripture and everyday life to form Christlikeness in us.

Our job is to cooperate with God's grace at work in our life. One of the ways we can cooperate is by starting each day with the Word of God: **reading, studying, memorizing & praying God's Word.** The Holy Spirit will use the Word of God to release and form the life of Christ in us.

This is how we "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord." -2 Peter 3:18.

Slowly and thoughtfully read the passage from God's Word each day. Think about it. Focus especially on the verse marked **Meditating on God's Word.** Then, say and repeat the memory verse several times. By the end of the week, you will have it memorized. Finally, in addition to whatever else you are talking to God about in your prayers each day, also pray through the Scripture you read, turning it into a prayer.



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#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 READING GOD'S WORD

Revelation 8:1-9:12; Proverbs 27:1-14 MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- Romans 12:2

#### MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

- Proverbs 27:12

#### PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Dear God in Heaven, there is danger and hardship all around me. Please let me be wise in my attempts to navigate through it all today. Give me your eyes to see and the wisdom to deal with the people I encounter in my life. Keep me safe. You are my protector. You are my strength. I love you. Amen.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 READING GOD'S WORD

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#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 READING GOD'S WORD

Revelation 9:13-11:2; Proverbs 27:15-27

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#### MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk.

- Revelation 9:20

#### PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, today I want to lift up all of my friends who do not yet know You or do not have a relationship with You. They are lost without You, and they do not even know it. They are blinded by darkness. Please use this Christmas season to draw them near to You. Use me to be a light in their lives. Give me an opportunity today to represent You in a loving way and offer hope. Thank You for caring for each of them. You know them by name, and You love them. Amen.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 READING GOD'S WORD

# Revelation 11:3-12:11; Proverbs 28:1-14

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### MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

- Revelation 11:12

#### PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Thank you Lord for the promise that if we give our lives to You, You will eventually call us up to be with You in heaven as well. It is a day I eagerly anticipate! Give me strength to face the day on earth today, but also help me to live in the expectation of the day when You return and call me home. In your name I pray. Amen.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 READING GOD'S WORD

Revelation 12:12-14:5; Proverbs 28:15-28

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- Romans 12:2

#### MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Whoever rebukes a person will in the end gain favor rather than one who has a flattering tongue.

- Proverbs 28:23

#### PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Dear God, thank You for Your Word today. You are amazing! Please help me to be truthful to the people around me, even when difficult. Give me the strength to stand up for the truth, but to do it in love and kindness. Do not allow my fear of their approval sway my words or actions. I want to please You above anyone else. In Your name I pray, Amen.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

#### **READING GOD'S WORD**

Revelation 14:6-16:7; Proverbs 29:1-14

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#### **MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD**

This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

- Revelation 14:12

#### PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, help me to be patient, to keep your commands and to remain faithful to You today. It seems to be a constant battle in my heart between what I know is right and what my heart tricks me into thinking that what I want is right. Help me! Grant me the strength to be faithful to You today. Amen.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

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- Romans 12:2