

# Daily Devotional Time with God

## April 12 - April 18



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.

### Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Reading God's Word:** Luke 8:40-9:9; Psalm 56

**Memorizing God's Word:** Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

**Meditating on God's Word:** Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

**Praying God's Word:** Lord, at times fear gets the best of me. I know I shouldn't let fear slow me down but often it does. Please give me the strength and confidence to trust that Your ways are higher than my ways! When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. Amen.

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### Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

**Reading God's Word:** Luke 9:10-36; Psalm 57

**Memorizing God's Word:** Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

**Meditating on God's Word:** Luke 9:23 Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

**Praying God's Word:** Lord, denying myself on a daily basis for Your sake can be difficult. So often I rely on my wisdom and my abilities and I forget to follow You and Your will for my life. Help me to discipline myself and live surrendered so that I am able to follow You with my whole heart. Amen.

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### Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Reading God's Word:** Luke 9:37-62; Psalm 58

**Memorizing God's Word:** Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

**Meditating on God's Word:** Luke 9:48 Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest."

**Praying God's Word:** Lord, thank you for showing me what it means to be a servant. It is my desire to serve the ones You send into my path on a daily basis. I want to continue to be more and more like Christ! Amen.

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**Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Reading God's Word:** Luke 10:1-24; Psalm 59:1-9

**Memorizing God's Word:** Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

**Meditating on God's Word:** Psalm 59:9 You are my strength, I watch for you; you, God, are my fortress,

**Praying God's Word:** Lord, You are my strength, You are my fortress, I will not be afraid! Today as I go through the struggles of this life help me to keep my eyes on You, to watch for You so that I can focus on how You want me to live, Amen.

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**Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Reading God's Word:** Luke 10:25-11:13; Psalm 59:10-17

**Memorizing God's Word:** Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

**Meditating on God's Word:** Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

**Praying God's Word:** Lord, I am eternally grateful for Your love for me. Every day You prove how much You love me. That love helps me hide under Your wings when the storms of life hit. You are my strength, my refuge in times of trouble. Amen.

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**Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Reading God's Word:** Luke 11:14-36; Psalm 60

**Memorizing God's Word:** Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

**Meditating on God's Word:** Luke 11:33 No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light.

**Praying God's Word:** Lord, I want to be Your light today. I don't want my light to be hidden, I want to live my life in the light. Father, I pray today that others will be able to see Your love flowing through me as I strive to be a light that You can use, Amen.

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**Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Use this day to reflect and meditate on the Scriptures used in the sermon, and to review your memory verse for the week. You may also want to use this day to revisit, catch up, and/or reflect more deeply on your reading from God's Word this week. And remember, He is Risen!*

**Memorizing God's Word:** Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

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