



7 DAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

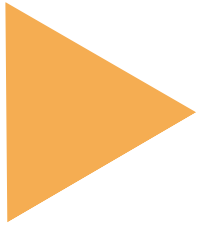


PSALM 63

1 YOU, GOD, ARE MY GOD, EARNESTLY I SEEK YOU;
I THIRST FOR YOU, MY WHOLE BEING LONGS FOR YOU,

IN A DRY AND PARCHED LAND WHERE THERE IS NO WATER. 2 I HAVE SEEN YOU IN THE SANCTUARY AND BEHELD YOUR POWER AND YOUR GLORY. 3 BECAUSE YOUR LOVE IS BETTER THAN LIFE, MY LIPS WILL GLORIFY YOU. 4 I WILL PRAISE YOU AS LONG AS I LIVE, AND IN YOUR NAME I WILL LIFT UP MY HANDS. 5 I WILL BE FULLY SATISFIED AS WITH THE RICHEST OF FOODS; WITH SINGING LIPS MY MOUTH WILL PRAISE YOU. 6 ON MY BED I REMEMBER YOU; I THINK OF YOU THROUGH THE WATCHES OF THE NIGHT. 7 BECAUSE YOU ARE MY HELP, I SING IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS. 8 I CLING TO YOU; YOUR RIGHT HAND UPHOLDS ME. 9 THOSE WHO WANT TO KILL ME WILL BE DESTROYED; THEY WILL GO DOWN TO THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH. 10 THEY WILL BE GIVEN OVER TO THE SWORD AND BECOME FOOD FOR JACKALS. 11 BUT THE KING WILL REJOICE IN GOD; ALL WHO SWEAR BY GOD WILL GLORY IN HIM, WHILE THE MOUTHS OF LIARS WILL BE SILENCED.





WELCOME

TO THIS 7 DAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

There is no doubt that life unfolds in seasons, each with its own challenges and unique opportunities. We wholeheartedly believe that we are currently in a profound season, a time when the yearning to seek God intensifies. We are proclaiming a period of intentional and unwavering pursuit of God. Beyond merely desiring what God can do, let us remind ourselves that the most vital aspect is who He is, and that our deepest longing is His Presence.

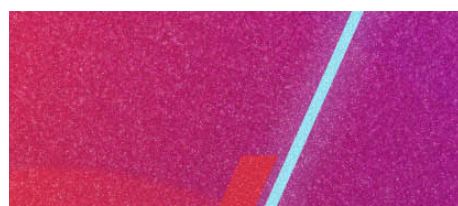
As we embark on this journey together, we hope you will discover a profound sense of connection with our Creator, a deepening of your faith, and the comforting assurance that during this season of seeking, you are never alone. We humbly ask God to grant you the strength, solace, and spiritual nourishment necessary to progress through this chapter of your life. Our greatest desire is that you continue to strengthen your relationship with God, and together, we continue to learn how to live in alignment with God's ways.

We believe and declare that these next 7 days will bring transformation and will bring you closer to God. This week will give you strength and comfort as you continue to see God intentionally. We have no doubt that this devotional guide will help you in your spiritual journey and make your connection with God stronger.

Welcome to a season of Seeking, where hope and warmth abound.

With Love,
Team Community

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DAY 1

SEEKING FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT

To kick off the next seven days of prayer and fasting, we're deciding to put God first in our lives! Prayer and fasting are ways to get closer to God. They help us quiet our bodies and focus on what God wants for us. We're saying that before anything else, we're going to seek what God wants and tell Him about our needs, dreams, and wishes. Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." This verse is an invitation to a deeper relationship, and through prayer and fasting, we focus on spending time with God to seek Him first. Fasting means giving up something, like certain foods or distractions, to spend more time with God. This helps us get closer to Him because we're not as busy with other things. But fasting alone, without talking to God, is like going on a diet! Prayer is like talking to a friend. It's how we talk to God. When we spend time talking to Him, we can tell Him what's in our hearts, and we can learn to hear His voice.

God loves you and wants to be a big part of your life. When we put God first, we remember that He's the one who gives us purpose, strength, and help.

APPLICATION/ REFLECTION:

- In a practical way, what is it like to seek the Kingdom of God first in your life?
- What areas of your life compete for priority?
- How can prayer and fasting help you seek a deeper relationship with God?

PRAYER:

God, today I decide to put you first. I renounce every distraction that has taken your place in my life and I repent for the times I have missed the mark. Right now, I choose to give up and look for you. I thank you that as I seek your Kingdom, you are taking care of every detail of my life. I thank you because I can trust you. I give you my plans to make space to hear your voice. Do what you want. In the name of Jesus, I pray, Amen!

VERSES TO MEDITATE:

Matthew 6:33 / 2 Chronicles 7:14 / Deuteronomy 4:29

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A DIFFERENT KIND OF HUNGER

As we seek God, we have more of His presence in our lives. When we think about hunger, it's easy to think about food. The truth is, we all have desires and needs in this life. Yes, we have physical hunger, but we also have emotional, intellectual, and spiritual hunger. As Jesus walked the earth, He often described Himself as the "bread of life," telling His people that "whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Jesus satisfies all our needs.

Just like any relationship, our relationship with Jesus is a choice, and the desire to have a relationship is intentional. With the help of prayer and the Holy Spirit, we progress in our relationship with Jesus by finding our satisfaction in Him. We're not stuck in our relationship because there's always more of God to know, love, and experience.

It can be tempting when we are content with our relationship with Jesus to believe the lie that we don't need more of His presence in our lives. The Bible says that when we seek God with all our hearts, we will find Him. So today, we ask for more of Him and hold on to the promise that He will meet us in our desire. By continuing to hunger for more of the Lord, we build our relationship with Jesus and choose to walk with Him day by day.

APPLICATION/ REFLECTION:

- What is one practical step you can take to increase your spiritual hunger for the Lord?
- What is God teaching you about spiritual hunger?
- How can walking in godly community help cultivate and grow your spiritual hunger?

PRAYER:

Lord, I need you. Help me never forget that all my needs are met by you and you alone. I regret the times when I sought satisfaction outside of you. I pray that today you add a new desire and hunger for yourself: a new hunger for purity, love, patience, generosity and service. Today, I choose to grow with you and learn more about your goodness and faithfulness. God, I pray to experience more of you. In the name of Jesus, I pray, Amen!

VERSES TO MEDITATE:

Psalms 42:1-2 / Psalms 63:1 / Psalms 34:8

SEEKING THE NEXT STEPS

As we continue to pray and fast, focusing on the Kingdom of God, we seek divine guidance in our lives. Sometimes, we may have relied on directions or maps to guide us and lead our way to a new destination. We might have a destination in mind, but without directions to get there, we can feel lost. When we choose to acknowledge God in all our ways, seeking His will, He will provide us with direction. At times, it can be challenging to see or understand God's purpose, vision, and direction for our lives. When we choose to recognize God in all our ways, seeking His presence, He will reveal the vision. God speaks through intimacy and our relationship with Him! The Bible says we can trust that the Lord will give us a vision for our future. He will also guide our steps with divine direction. Even though we may have a plan for our lives, ultimately, God is faithful in directing our path and giving us wisdom and vision!

APPLICATION/ REFLECTION:

- Where do you need divine direction and guidance today?
- How can you incorporate prayer and intentional time with God into your day to cultivate a lifestyle that depends on God's leading?

PRAYER:

God, I thank you for your divine direction that is available to me. I recognize you as the Lord of my life. Today I regret the times when I have followed my ways instead of yours. I pray that you speak to me today. Show me the way to go and guide my steps. I pray that as you reveal to me the path ahead of me, I will hear your voice and obey you quickly. I thank you for who you are. You are a good father who helps me as I walk in faith. Give me divine direction to reach your divine destiny for my life. Guide me and direct me as I follow you. In the name of Jesus, amen!

VERSES TO MEDITATE:

Proverbs 3:5-6 / John 16:13 / Isaiah 30:21



A SPIRITUAL WAR

We fight from victory, not for it. When Jesus rose from the dead after dying on the cross, He defeated sin, death, and the devil. So, when we look at spiritual warfare, it's not from a place of hopelessness or effort, but rather from a place that already knows the outcome. The Bible says in Romans 8:37-39, "37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." We are more than conquerors! What that practically means is that in the midst of the battle, we already have the victory. It doesn't deny the struggle or underestimate our current circumstances but brings the greater reality that Jesus is with us in the midst of our battles and has already made us more than conquerors through Him. We live in the tension of knowing that we have ultimate victory in Jesus while we continue to fight against the enemy's attacks on this earth. We are equipped with the Holy Spirit, prayer, and the Word of God. The Bible is full of God's truth and promises to fight in the Spirit and advance God's will through our prayers.

APPLICATION/ REFLECTION:

- How does God want you to work spiritually for His plan in your life?
- How can you intercede and pray against spiritual warfare in the lives of those around you?
- How have you experienced victory in Jesus?

PRAYER:

Lord, I repent of the times when I sought earthly solutions to spiritual problems. I ask that you sharpen my discernment when it comes to spiritual matters. I pray that You will increase my awareness of spiritual attacks and the resources You have equipped me with to fight and win spiritual battles. Thank you that no weapon formed against me will prosper! I pray that you will intervene on my behalf and that of my loved ones. I pray against any attack from the enemy on my mind, my health and my spirit. I am claiming victory and protection in the name of Jesus, I pray, Amen!

VERSES TO MEDITATE:

Efesios 6:10-18 / 2 Corintios 10:3-5 / Romanos 8:35-38

THE HOLY POWER

The Holy Spirit is our advantage, a source of power and guidance in our daily lives; He is God! Living our lives surrendered to the Holy Spirit enhances our walk with Christ. The Holy Spirit is not "something extra." He is essential. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as our Helper! The Bible never refers to the Holy Spirit as "it." This is important because if you don't see Him as a person, you won't develop a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit.

As we seek God, we need the Holy Spirit's help to lead us. Jesus promised that we will never be alone and sent the Holy Spirit as our teacher and guarantee. There is a supernatural advantage when you acknowledge the power of the Holy Spirit in your life. God is with you! Is there an area of your life where you need help? Maybe you need help in your marriage, family, or business. Ask the Holy Spirit for help! Recognizing the power of the Holy Spirit in your life is the ultimate enhancement.

APPLICATION/ REFLECTION:

- In what specific area of your life do you need the help of the Holy Spirit?
- In what ways is the Holy Spirit speaking to you?

PRAYER:

God, I thank you for your presence in my life. I thank you for my salvation found in the death and resurrection of Jesus. I thank you that when I receive Jesus, I have access to the person of the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, I ask you to open my heart to know about you. Stay with me today and guide me in everything I do. I pray for the ability to listen to you and obey you as my help and my advantage. In the name of Jesus, I pray, Amen!

VERSES TO MEDITATE:

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 / Romans 8:11-14 / 1 Corinthians 2:4-5



THE POWER OF PERSEVERANCE

We cannot have perseverance without placing our faith in God. There are moments when our trust in someone wavers, and we may find ourselves limiting expectations or the responsibility we give to that person. It can be tempting to do the same when it comes to our faith and trust in God. Although we may experience disappointments in life, God remains worthy of our trust! He is unchanging and stands firm and perfect in all His ways. The Bible says that faith is trust and confidence in God. Faith is what we hope for but cannot see, yet we know it is true!

To have perseverance, we must operate from a place of victory and trust while placing our confidence in God. From the small details to the significant milestones, when we trust God, our perseverance is strengthened. As we release and surrender the battles we are experiencing on our own to allow God to carry our burdens and fight on our behalf, we experience freedom and peace. Even in times of waiting, we know that God is working in our favor. He has not forgotten you! The Bible says, "His mercies are new every morning!" We are invited to a continuous renewal of our mind and spirit as we persevere and are transformed into the image of Christ.

APPLICATION/ REFLECTION:

- What areas of your heart and mind can you surrender to the Lord to give you the strength to persevere?
- In what areas of your life do you need to trust God?

PRAYER:

Lord, I thank you for your Son Jesus. Thank you because, by faith, I am saved. Through our relationship I can have faith and hope for the future, for things I don't see yet. I repent for the times I have limited my understanding of your power or ability to transform my life. I ask you to remind me of your faithfulness and goodness in all things. I pray that you will expand my ability to wait on you. I ask that you give me the strength and courage to continue fighting the good fight. I love you. In the name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.

VERSES TO MEDITATE:

Psalms 27:14 / Philipians 3:12-14 / Romans 12:11-13

SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

As we close our 7 days of prayer and fasting, we focus on the good news that Jesus preached. That the Kingdom of Heaven is here and that through faith in Him, we are reconciled with God and have heavenly citizenship. We are invited to be part of bringing heaven to earth. When we receive Christ and have His Spirit dwelling within us, we are called to be agents of change in our cities, communities, and families to represent God and build the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus commissions all of us to be the light and walk in hope and victory, making disciples, and spreading the good news of the gospel. Jesus is the ultimate and only source of authority in His Kingdom. Thanks to Jesus, we don't have to wait; the Kingdom is here! Today, we pray for the Kingdom of God to come and invade our lives, and for His will to be done on Earth as it is already done in Heaven.

APPLICATION/ REFLECTION:

- What does a Kingdom perspective look like?
- What does it mean to recognize the Kingdom of God around you?
- How can you live your life committed to building the Kingdom of God?

PRAYER:

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Matthew 6:9-10 / Mark 1:15 / Romans 14:17-18



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