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A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.

She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants.

She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple

Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

**Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”**

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

**Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.**

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Today 1

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Defiant Mothers

The Israelites had lived in Egypt since the great famine. But as the years passed, a new Pharaoh came into power.

He watched the Israelites multiply so he sent a decree to the mid-wives in the land. Any baby boys born to Israelite women were to be killed on the spot.

But two mid-wives, named Shiphrah and Puah, chose to defy Pharaoh and allowed the Israelite children to live.

Eventually, word reached Pharaoh and he demanded to know what was happening.

The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.” (Exodus 1:19)

Because of their brave stand, God granted both Shiphrah and Puah families of their own. These two women became defiant mothers.

It's not easy to stand up to evil. It's risky and in some cases, it could be deadly. But these two women didn't let the threats stop them. They were faithful to God anyway and He rewarded them for it.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today's Promise
As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.—Isaiah 66:13

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**“The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.”
– Exodus 1:17, NIV**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, when I'm tempted to ignore evil, give me courage. Remind me of the bravery of Shiphrah and Puah. Help me to speak up for the oppressed and protect them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 49:15 (Write Out)

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Today 2

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Today's Devotion – A Difficult Pregnancy

Hagar found herself alone and pregnant. She'd been instructed to sleep with her mistress's husband and the union had resulted in a pregnancy. But even this did not make her mistress happy.

So, Hagar felt she had no choice but to flee. She was traveling alone in the desert when God reached out to her. He asks where she's from and where she's going.

When Hagar explains that she's run away, God instructs her to return to her mistress. Then He goes on to speak of her unborn child, promising that he will live freely in the land among the rest of his family.

The conversation leads Hagar to this revelation...

She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." – Genesis 16:13, NIV

Not every pregnancy is easy or fun. Yours may be difficult due to disease or illness. You may lack the support of a community or be under a heavy load of stress.

But just as God saw Hagar, He sees you. He sees your difficult pregnancy and He is watching over you.

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Today's Promise

She is clothed with strength and
dignity; she can laugh at the days
to come. —Proverbs 31:25

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

“The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a
spring in the desert; it was the spring that is
beside the road to Shur. And he said,
“Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come
from, and where are you going?”
– Genesis 16:7-8, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, when I'm tempted to worry or fret,
help me to turn to You. When
discouragement calls my name, let me
remember that I am seen by You, my
loving Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Today's Scripture

Proverbs 31:28-29 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 3

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Today's Devotion – Jochebed: A Mother of Faith

Jochebed, the mother of Moses, lived in a heartbreaking time. By the decree of Pharaoh, the sons born to Israelite women were to be drowned by the mid-wives.

But when Moses was born, Jochebed hid her son for three months. She must have heard the stories from other mothers, seen their empty arms, and wept with them as they whispered the names of the children they would never see grow up.

So when she could no longer hide Moses, she put him in a basket and sent him down the river. Then she left and returned home, leaving his sister to watch from a distance.

What faith that must have taken to leave her little boy in the arms of God. Her trust was rewarded when a few hours later, she heard her daughter calling. Moses had been rescued from the basket!

As a mom, there may be times when you have to place your child in God's arms and trust what He is doing. Perhaps your daughter has struggled with an addiction for many years. Maybe your chronically-ill son needs yet another surgery.

It's not easy to walk through these situations. But rest in the knowledge that God has a beautiful plan for your child's life and He can fulfill that plan no matter how dim things might look right now.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today's Promise

Behold, everyone who uses proverbs will use this proverb about you: 'Like mother, like daughter.' —Ezekiel 16:44

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months." – Exodus 2:1-2, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, please help me to trust You with my baby. Let me be like Jochebed and trust You in all things, even the moments when this mother's heart is breaking. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture Deuteronomy 6:6 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 4

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Today's Devotion – The Next Generation

Jamie was pregnant with her first child. While she was excited for the birth, she was also scared.

When Liz, an older woman from her church reached out to her, Jamie shared her fears.

“My mother was addicted to drugs and my father was in and out of prison for most of my childhood.

I’m afraid that what happened in one generation will keep repeating in the next. How can I raise a child when I’ve never had a good example of how to do it?”

Liz shared the story of Samson’s mother. “An angel visited Manoah’s wife and told her she would become pregnant with a son who would later be called Samson.”

“When her husband, Manoah wanted to know how to raise the boy, the angel came to the couple and shared God’s instructions again.

God will give you wisdom and reveal how to parent your child if you only ask.”

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Today 4

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Today's Promise

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. — Genesis 3:20

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"You will become pregnant and have a son whose head is never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a Nazirite, dedicated to God from the womb. He will take the lead in delivering Israel from the hands of the Philistines." – Judges 13:5, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, let me remember that the sins, mistakes, and problems with the previous generation don't have to be my child's story. Show me how to be a wise and loving parent, just like You are. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture 1 John 4:12 (Write Out)

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Today's Devotion – A Shining Example

Naomi had suffered three horrible losses. She lost her husband and both of her grown sons also died. Now, Naomi is a widow without a means of providing for herself or her two daughters-in-law.

“When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there.” – Ruth 1:6, NIV

Naomi urges both daughters to leave her side and seek husbands since they're still young. One daughter listens and tearfully departs. But Ruth promises to stand by her mother-in-law.

She calls her mother-in-law's God her own and her mother-in-law's people her own. Ruth was a foreigner, a woman from Moabite. Yet, she pledges to her allegiance to her mother-in-law's God.

Most likely, Naomi had greatly influenced Ruth during their time together. The older woman was a shining example of faith and grace to the younger, resulting in her conversion.

Some days, it can be tempting to believe that you're not influencing anyone. But Ruth's bold confession shows that others are watching how you live.

You can have a tremendous impact on the people living in your household by simply being faithful to God and relying on Him.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today's Promise
Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. — Luke 2:51

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." – Ruth 1:16, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, let me be a shining example of Your goodness and faithfulness within my own home. I want to impact my family and friends for Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Psalm 143:8 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 6

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Today's Devotion – God's Favor

Elizabeth and her husband, Zechariah followed all of God's commands. He was a priest in the temple (church) and they were active in their community. They didn't just love God, they served Him with great reverence.

But still, Elizabeth lacked one gift—a baby of her own. She lived in a time when a woman's worth was determined by how many healthy babies she could deliver. Since she had none, others judged her.

Some suggested the infertility was caused by a hidden sin in Elizabeth or Zechariah's past. Others seemed to think God had pronounced judgement against Elizabeth for unbelief or another perceived flaw.

After she realizes she's pregnant, Elizabeth says, "The Lord has done this for me. He's shown me His favor!" (Luke 1:25, paraphrased)

When you're going through a difficult time, you may be tempted to believe that God doesn't care about you. Perhaps you worry that God is angry at you or fear that He has given up on you.

But have faith, dear one. Elizabeth's late in life pregnancy wasn't because God didn't love her or was angry with her. He hadn't given up on her.

It was a matter of Divine timing and this might be true in your situation, too. Perhaps God still intends to save your marriage or heal your daughter from her addiction. But He plans to do it in His timing, rather than yours.

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Today's Promise

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son,
and you are to call him John. He will be a
joy and delight to you, and many will
rejoice because of his birth."
– Luke 1:13-14, NIV**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

**God, thank You for Your favor! You have
blessed me richly! When I'm tempted to
focus on what You haven't given me, let
me be patient and remember that Your
timing is always perfect. In Jesus' name,
Amen.**

Today's Scripture Romans 12:9-10 (Write Out)

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Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17*

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Today 7

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Today's Devotion – Daughters for a Season

Carrie had spent years longing for children of her own. But an auto-immune disease had robbed her of the ability to have kids. So, she and her husband decided to adopt a child instead.

But twice the adoptions fell through. Each failed adoption only added to her hurt. She often found herself asking, “Why God? I long to be a mother and You keep shutting down every avenue. I don’t understand.”

A few weeks later, a single mom with three daughters moved into the apartment next door. She struggled to pay for child care, so Carrie opened up her apartment to the young girls.

She kept cookies and other snacks for them, let them play in her home office as she worked, and taught them how to do girly activities like paint their nails. For two years, she poured into the girls until their mom was in a better place. She had re-married and was re-locating to another state to be with her new husband. But she thanked Carrie for all she’d done.

When the girls left, Carrie felt the same aching emptiness. Then she woke up two days later to a voicemail on her phone. A social worker was looking to place a baby with a family immediately and wanted to know if Carrie and her husband would be interested.

A year later, after the adoption had been completed, Carrie looked back on all the failed adoptions. “God wanted me to minister to those girls. I just didn’t realize it at the time. God was preparing my heart to love on them before I ever even met them.”

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Today's Promise

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. -1 Corinthians 13:13

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you. – Isaiah 66:13**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, when it looks like You're closing every door, grant me patience and faith. Help me to hang onto You even when it feels like all of my dreams are shattered. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture 1 Timothy 5:8 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 8

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Today's Devotion – The Mother Who Doubted

Sarah had once imagined sticky handprints on the walls, bedtime cuddles, and Saturday mornings spent with a child. But the years had slowly turned into decades and there was no baby.

She had cried more tears than there were in the sea. Eventually, she reached a place of painful acceptance. She let go of the dream and accepted that a child would never come from her womb.

But one day, she overheard her husband, Abraham, talking to two strangers. Angels the Lord had sent who promised that she would bear a son.

Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?” (Genesis 18:11-12)

Sarah’s laughter revealed her inner doubt. She smoothed her hand over her flat belly and sighed. Nearly ninety, her youth had faded. Yet her doubt didn’t stop God from giving her a son.

Sarah’s story proves that God can still work a miracle even when we struggle with doubts. His miracles are not dependent on you or what you do, for He is the Eternal God.

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Today's Promise
My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. — John 15:12

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him."
– Genesis 21:2-3, NIV**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, forgive me for my doubts. I'm trusting You to redeem this situation in Your way and in Your timing. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Ephesians 4:32 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 9

*This is the day the Lord has made;
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Today's Devotion – Discovering Her Identity

Leah watched as her sister, Rachel, flirted with Jacob. She watched as they courted, the secret glances they stole at each other when they thought no one else was looking. She admired the way Jacob worked for seven years so that he could marry Rachel.

Then her father came, just hours before her sister's wedding. He shoved the bridal clothes at her, demanding she slip into them and wed Jacob in her sister's place.

The next morning, she could hear Jacob shouting at her uncle, demanding to know why he'd been betrayed. Then seven days later, Jacob married Rachel, the sister he truly loved.

Leah was trapped in a loveless marriage but God saw her misery. He sent her a son, and she named him Reuben. She was certain that now her husband would love her and in doing so, made the mistake of placing her worth in her husband and her children rather than God. That's why she'd spent years feeling so empty and chasing Jacob.

But somewhere along the way, Leah accepted her true identity as a favored daughter of God. She understood that God loved her unconditionally and let that love fill her with peace and joy.

She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "This time I will praise the Lord." So she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children. – Genesis 29:35, NIV

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Today 9

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Today's Promise

Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. — 1 Peter 3:4

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, "It is because the Lord has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now."
– Genesis 29:32, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, help me to remember my worth comes not from my relationships. Like Leah, let me rest in You, content with the knowledge that I am Your beloved child. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture Proverbs 1:8-9 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 10

*This is the day the Lord has made;
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Today's Devotion – Faithful to God

Hannah was the beloved wife of Elkanah despite being barren. Elkanah had a second wife, a woman named Peninnah who had several children of her own.

Each year when it was time for their family to attend the annual feast, Peninnah would taunt Hannah. She would bring up her lack of children and keep tormenting her until Hannah would begin crying.

As the feast was ending one year, Hannah went to the temple (church). There she prayed that God would grant her a child. She promised that if God would do this for her, she would not consider the child hers but the Lord's.

Later when God gave her a beautiful baby boy, Hannah held him close. She was with him, night and day. She never wanted him to leave her arms. She treasured each smile, coo, and kiss.

Then when her son was weaned, Hannah took him to the temple. She introduced the boy to the priest and explained that he was to be a servant of the Lord all of his days.

Hannah was faithful to God's plan for her son's life, even though it broke her heart to send him away. Sometimes, a mother must make a difficult sacrifice to raise godly children. But those sacrifices are never in vain, for God sees your faithfulness.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 10

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise

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

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."
– 1 Samuel 1:10-11, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, help me to be faithful like Hannah was. I want to raise godly kids who seek You. Please give me the strength to do that. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture Colossians 3:13 (Write Out)

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Today 11

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Today's Devotion – The Mother who Pondered

When the shepherds came to visit baby Jesus, they shared the story of the Star of Bethlehem and how it had led them to find the Messiah.

In hushed tones, they repeated the words of the Heavenly choir and shared the awe they felt in the presence of such praise.

Mary tucked away their words in her heart to ponder them. She probably thought on them during the long nights she rocked Jesus to sleep and the day his tiny tongue formed His first word.

Little ones require around-the-clock care and need constant supervision. Even older children sometimes require a lot of attention.

In the day-to-day work of raising children, it's hard to find time to do more. You may not be able to read lengthy devotionals or have hours to dedicate to searching the Scriptures.

But that doesn't mean you can't be close to God. Like Mary, you can take truth with you and reflect on it as you nurture your children.

It could be as simple as singing a song of praise while you're doing laundry or whispering a prayer for your child as you unload the dishwasher. By doing these things, you can transform ordinary moments into beautiful experiences with God.

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Today's Promise
Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. -Psalm 127:3

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."
– Luke 2:19, NIV**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, I want to be close to You. Like Mary, let me ponder Your words as I care for my children. Please meet me in these ordinary moments. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Psalm 113:9 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 12

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Today's Devotion – Mother of Israel

Deborah was a judge in Israel. As a judge, she was a spiritual leader in Israel. One day, she called Barak and shared with him that what God had revealed to her.

God commanded Barak to take an army and defeat the Canaanites, specifically the commander Sisera.

At this time in history, the Canaanites had been oppressing the land of Israel. The Israelites had tried to fight against them but they were defeated and unable to reclaim their freedom.

So when Deborah issued the command to Barak, he didn't want to carry it out. He proclaimed he would only go into battle if Deborah herself were willing to come with him.

“Certainly I will go with you,” said Deborah. “But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the Lord will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.” So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. (Judges 4:9)

Deborah wasn't just a prophetess. She was also a courageous patriot who fought for her nation. Her story illustrates that women can be fierce mothers even if they don't have children of their own.

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 12

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. -Proverbs 31:26

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**“Villagers in Israel would not fight; they held back until I, Deborah, arose, until I arose, a mother in Israel.”
– Judges 5:7, NIV**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, please give me courage in the middle of my battles. Let me remember Who I'm really fighting and honor You through it all. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Proverbs 11:6 (Write Out)

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 13

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Shaping the Heart

Timothy's mother was Eunice, a Jewish woman who married a Greek man. Lois was his grandmother.

She was most likely his mother's mother, given that her sincere faith is referenced.

The family may have lived together in one home, since it wasn't unusual to have several generations under one roof.

Very little is known of Timothy's father. But Paul, Timothy's mentor, was known to use terms of endearment for Timothy like "my son whom I love" (1 Corinthians 4:17) and "my true son in the faith" (1 Timothy 1:2).

This has led many scholars to suspect that Timothy's father may have died when he was young, leaving just Eunice and Lois to raise him.

The two women may not have realized it at the time, but they were shaping the heart and mind of a young boy who would go on to missionary journeys and lead a church at a very young age.

Just like God had a plan for Timothy's life, He has a plan for the life of your little one, too. Maybe your child will become a doctor, a missionary, or an artist who changes the world with their vibrant faith.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

The Days of May

DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 13

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise
*For I am the Lord your God who
takes hold of your right hand
and says to you, Do not fear; I
will help you. — Isaiah 41:13*

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." – 2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, help me to be like Eunice and Lois. Let me share Your words and Your heart with the generations that come after me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

1 Samuel 1: 26-28 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 14

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Purple Flowers

Four-year-old Jacob frequently stops to admire plants. “He’s fascinated by them,” Nancy, his mom explains. “I think he gets it from his grandmother.

She owned a nursery when I was a young girl.”

Normally, Jacob’s mom has to pull him away from plants. She always considered it more of a distraction until one sunny Wednesday a few weeks ago.

“Jacob bent down on the sidewalk to study a cluster of purple flowers that had managed to grow in the cracks of the sidewalk.”

Nancy was about to urge her son to keep moving when 1 Thessalonians 2:8 came to mind. “I thought about what Paul said.

He talked of not only sharing the gospel of God with others but also our very lives.”

When Nancy thought of this, she smiled. “I can’t think of anything more important than sharing life with a little one.”

So, she got down on the ground and spent time admiring the flower with her son, cherishing the ordinary moment.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 14

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise

*We love because he first
loved us. — 1 John 4:19*

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**“Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.”
– 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, NIV**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, help me to share my faith and my life with my children. I want them to see You in everything, even flowers in the sidewalk. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture Deuteronomy 5:16 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 15

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – She Speaks with Wisdom

Shannon smiled when her dad handed her toddler a brightly wrapped gift. “What did Pop bring you?” She asked her daughter as together they removed the wrapping paper.

Inside a pink box was a toddler phone. Her daughter squealed when she saw it and immediately began playing with it. She pushed the buttons, hummed along to the music, and played with the blinking lights.

Shannon moved to pour her dad a cup of coffee as the two of them discussed the past week. As they were sharing with each other, they stopped when they heard Shannon’s daughter babbling.

The little girl was babbling into the phone, using many of the same expressions Shannon uses. She laughed when she heard her toddler’s voice.

Shannon’s dad smiled, “She sounds just like her Mama, doesn’t she?”

For Shannon, the moment surprised her. “I didn’t realize how much of my speech she was picking up. She was just tossing around funny phrases I’ve said.

But it made me stop and think. She’s absorbing everything, so it made me commit to speaking with wisdom whether my conversations are on the phone, on Skype, or happening in real life.”

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 15

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise
They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." – Acts 16:31

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue."
– Proverbs 31:26, NIV**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, please help me to speak with wisdom. I want to be a good example to other believers and little ones. Guard my mouth that my words would be loving and kind. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Proverbs 1:8 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 16

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – The Blessing of a Praying Mama

Tessa didn't know much about her mother-in-law, Deanna. By the time Tessa met her husband, the older woman was suffering from severe dementia. Deanna didn't recognize her son or other family members.

Still, Tessa felt a bond with the woman that she couldn't shake. When Deanna was too fragile to live on her own, Tessa welcomed her into the home she shared with her husband.

She paid the woman's bills, drove her to her doctor's appointments, and tenderly cared for her.

When Deanna passed away after several years of living with her son and daughter-in-law, Tessa cried. She grieved as if it had been her own mother she'd lost.

As Tessa was helping her husband go through his mother's things, she discovered a box of journals.

They were Deanna's prayer journals, where she'd recorded decades of prayers, hopes, and dreams.

She found entry after entry where Deanna prayed for her son's future wife. She prayed for her health, her career, her relationships, and her spiritual walk. Again and again, the older woman had been faithful to pray over Tessa's life, thanking God for a woman she hadn't even met.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 16

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise
Do everything in love.
- 1 Corinthians 16:14

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy..." - Philipians 1:3-4, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, thank You for the gift of praying mothers! Show me how to be a prayer warrior for those around me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Romans 8:28 (Write Out)

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Today 17

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – The Unseen Daughter

Linda had a gift for cooking. She loved to create new meals and was constantly looking for recipes. All of her friends and family praised her culinary skills with some suggesting she should become a chef.

When Linda and her husband moved to Vermont for his job, she wanted to find a way to reach out to others in her community. A few days later, she visited a local church that had a list of those in need.

So, Linda went home and made a big batch of her favorite Southern dishes. Since her kids were little, she took them along as she made her deliveries.

She prepared meals for a family whose daughter was fighting cancer. She made rich desserts and brought them to the widow who needed someone to share a cup of coffee with. She created kid-friendly casseroles for the single parent who was struggling to make ends meet.

After a few weeks, she noticed her kids would create small arts and crafts to give to the recipients. Her five-year-old son colored bright pictures for lonely seniors. Her daughter made puppets for sick kids. The two also strung beads together to make necklaces and bracelets they could giveaway.

Although she hadn't said anything, Linda had showed her kids how to love others in their community. She set a beautiful example of love in action.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 17

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise

Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. — Proverbs 31:31

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”
– 1 John 3:18, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, let me love for others spur me to take action. When I see someone hurting or weary, show me how to encourage them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 40:31 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 18

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Rest for the Weary

When Amy learned she was pregnant with her first child, she was overjoyed. Although she hadn't been trying to get pregnant, she always knew she wanted to be mother...even if the timing was earlier than she'd planned.

Amy's pregnancy was uneventful and she took her beautiful baby daughter home. Everything was going well until Amy's mother noticed something strange when the baby was a month old.

She said her grandchild's eyes appeared yellow in the light. Listening to her mother's instincts, Amy took her baby to the local children's hospital. The doctor quickly diagnosed Amy's daughter with liver failure. She would need a transplant and soon.

Fortunately, Amy's mom was in good health. Since she was a match for the baby's blood type, the doctor had decided to take a portion of healthy liver and give it to the baby.

The night before the surgery, Amy couldn't sleep. Her baby seemed restless so Amy paced the tiny neonatal unit. She went up and down the halls. Finally about three a.m. a wave of peace came over Amy. The baby quieted and the two fell asleep.

When Amy woke the next morning, she saw a text message on her phone. At three in the morning, her friend had been woken up to pray. She'd contacted other friends and they'd begun praying together over the phone, specifically asking for peace and rest.

After the surgery, Amy's daughter recovered and so did her mother. The liver transplant was a success and both are on their way to a healthy future.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 18

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. Peace to you. The friends here send their greetings. Greet the friends there by name. – 3 John 1:14

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
– Matthew 11:28, NIV**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, I ask for peace and rest for friends who are struggling today. Grant them the comfort of Your presence and let them feel the love being sent their way. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

2 Timothy 1:5 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 19

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Letting Go of What Others Think

When an angel arrived to tell Mary she would become pregnant with Jesus, the Messiah, she was quick to surrender her plans for His.

She called herself the “Lord’s servant” and accepted what the angel had told her.

What makes Mary’s response so fascinating is the culture she lived in. In her time, a woman becoming pregnant out of wedlock was punishable by stoning.

She was literally risking death to bear Jesus.

But we never see her express fear or doubt about the pregnancy. In order to be at peace, Mary had to let go of what other people might think and focus on her identity as God’s beloved daughter.

It’s easy to get caught up in what other people think about you. You overhear someone spreading lies about you and your first instinct is to step up and defend yourself.

You want to yell, “Hey! I’m doing what God told me to do here!”

But there’s never a record of Mary defending herself or calling attention to her situation. She simply accepted her identity and focused on God’s plan for her life.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 19

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise
Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. — Exodus 20:12

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." — Luke 1:38, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, when you ask me to trade my plans for Yours, help me to remember Mary. Let me be brave and ignore what others are saying about me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 20

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – A Quiet Season

Barbara was in her fifties when a drunk driver hit her car. She was blessed to survive but the bones in her left leg had been shattered. She needed extensive surgery in order to repair those bones.

The doctor explained that during recovery Barb would need to avoid putting weight or pressure on the leg. Since Barb's job required her to be active, she had to take time off from work.

As Barb was healing, she thought of the Bible study on motherhood that she'd often longed to write.

When she shared the idea with her husband, he encouraged her to use the next few weeks to work on it.

A few months after Barb had recovered from surgery and was back at work, a woman's leader at her church called her.

She explained that many of the women in the worship services looked up to Barb and she wanted to know if Barb would be willing to teach a Bible study class geared toward new mothers.

Quiet seasons of rest or recovery may feel like you're "wasting time". But every season in your life serves a purpose. But God has a plan for you to fulfill during this waiting period...even if you can't see it right now.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 20

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. — Proverbs 22:6

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

“Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.” – Titus 2:4-5, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, help me to be faithful to You in every season of my life. Even when I don't understand what's happening, I know You are at work. In Jesus 'name, Amen.

Today's Scripture **Philippians 2:14-15 (Write Out)**

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 21

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Are You Building Your House?

When her kids were home from school, Dana felt like she spent the entire time nagging them to do their homework and chores. More than once fights broke out and she spent her afternoons arguing with her children.

She felt like her home was in chaos and wasn't sure what to do. On the weekends, she worked as a volunteer at a hospital. The volunteer coordinator was a warm, elderly woman named Elizabeth.

When she shared what was going on, Elizabeth listened sympathetically then she shared Proverbs 14. "Someone once told me that every day, a woman either builds her house or tears her down. When you nag, it's a way of controlling the situation.

It may make you feel better temporarily but it rarely gets results." Dana nodded. "So, how do I get results, instead of yelling and insults?" Elizabeth said, "Remind your kids once about what to do.

Share what the consequences of not obeying are and let them make their choices. If they don't listen, then gently but firmly allow them to suffer the results. That's what God does for His children."

Dana took Elizabeth's words to heart. It was hard at first because her kids challenged her resolve to see if she'd stick with the consequences she'd laid out. But after seeing her stand firm, her kids quickly began to listen to her.

This decreased Dana's stress and made her afternoons with her children more relaxed and enjoyable.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 21

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. — Jeremiah 29:11

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down." -- Proverbs 14:1, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, help me to build up my house. Give me wisdom when it comes to training my kids and others that are under my influence. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture Luke 1:46-48 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

The Days of May

DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 22

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Experiencing the Comfort of God

When Cindy's daughter was a toddler, she had a fear of the dark after an older sibling accidentally let her see a scary movie. Cindy would put her little one to bed, only to have her up a few minutes later, asking her mom to check for monsters.

Each time she asked, Cindy would put down her crossword puzzle to come check. She would look under the bed, in the closet, and anywhere else her daughter wanted her to investigate. Again and again, Cindy was patient, remembering how fearful she'd been as a child, too.

Eventually, Cindy's daughter grew into a teen. Because of the sweet relationship Cindy had nurtured, her daughter would come to her for advice and guidance on just about everything.

One night, her daughter called out to her in the night. Cindy stumbled from her bed and went to comfort her child. The girl was upset over some cruel text messages she'd received. Cindy stayed up most of the night, talking with her daughter and encouraging her.

Just as Cindy always ran to reassure her child, God does the same thing for His children. It doesn't matter if you call on Him in the middle of the blackest night or in the deepest distress of your life, God will always come to comfort you, His precious child.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

The Days of May

DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 22

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. – Proverbs 5:18

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you..." -- Isaiah 66:13, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, thank You for the gift of Your presence. You never leave me on my own. You come to me when I'm sad, discouraged, or in need. Thank You for that! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Proverbs 17:6 (Write Out)

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 23

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Sharing Her Faith

Connie had tucked away her prayer journal in the back of her closet. She brought out frequently to add updates and notes. When God answered a prayer, she noted the day He did that. When God said “no” to a prayer, she noted that, too.

Over the years, Connie’s journal began to fall apart. She chose a new journal and began filling it with prayers, too. But one day as she was reading in her Bible, she came across Deuteronomy 4.

She hadn’t thought to share her prayers and God’s responses with her kids.

But now, it was all she could think about. A few days later, the family dog was lost. Instead of retreating into her prayer closet alone, Connie gathered her three young children into it with her.

Together, they prayed for the safety of their dog. Then Connie went and began calling local animal shelters but no one had brought the dog in. The next day, Connie took her kids into the closet and again prayed for the dog.

Finally on the sixth morning, there was a knock on the door. Connie opened it to discover a stranger holding the beloved family pet. “He’d been hit by a car and needed medical attention,” the elderly man explained. “I brought him back the moment the vet released him.”

Praying with your kids can be a wonderful way for them to learn about God’s loving nature. If God doesn’t answer your child’s prayer right away, encourage them to keep praying and waiting.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 23

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise

...since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. -Colossians 3:24

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

“Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.” – Deuteronomy 4:9, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, thank You for all the prayers You answer! You never forget or ignore a request. Now, please grant my children faith. Let them come to know You in a real and life-changing way. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture Proverbs 22:6 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 24

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – All Things

When Danny opened his mouth to speak, he started with the words that had always given him courage, “I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.”

Those words were an important part of Danny’s childhood. They were the words his mother had repeated when she was in a difficult labor with Danny. They were the words she’d repeated over him when doctors had said the tiny baby wouldn’t live for more than a few hours.

Danny had been born with a neuromuscular disease that paralyzed him. He defied the doctor’s dire predictions and lived. When Danny lived, the doctor told his mom that her son would never be able to do anything.

As was common in the time, the doctor suggested that the best option for Danny was a group home. Knowing her history, the doctor pointed out her other children, “Go be a mother to them. Danny will only be a burden on your family.”

“But my mother refused,” Danny said, smiling, “And today, I’m graduating magna cum laude from one of the best universities in the state thanks to the grace of God and the love of my mother.”

You may not be able to provide your child with the fanciest foods or the best clothes. But you can offer your child the knowledge that you believe in them and that God can carry them through the toughest times. That gift is far more valuable than anything else you could give.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 24

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise
Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. — Proverbs 23:22

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"I can do all things through him who gives me strength." – Philippians 4:13, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, help me to be a sweet encouragement to my little ones. When others see grim statistics or terrible outcomes, let me remind them that You are the God of the Impossible. Nothing challenges You and nothing changes You! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Exodus 20:12 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 25

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Shine like the Stars

Leslie watched as Jonathan followed Samuel around. Born just ten months apart, the two brothers often seemed like the best of friends.

They did everything together until it was time for Samuel to start attending school.

At first, Jonathan would just stare out the front door and ask where his brother was. Eventually, Leslie was able to distract him and keep him busy. She let him “help” with the chores, even though it sometimes meant more work for her.

As time went on, Jonathan adjusted to Samuel’s absence.

But one day as Leslie was doing chores with Jonathan, he started to complain. He wanted to know why he had to work while his brother got to go to school to play.

Leslie thought for a moment and said, “You know God tells us to do everything without grumbling so we can shine like stars and show other people God’s light.”

Jonathan stopped, “I’m shining when I clean?”

Leslie smiled, “Yes, you are! Any time you do a task with a good attitude, you’re shining so people can see Jesus.”

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 25

*This is the day the Lord has made;
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Today's Promise
*Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over a
multitude of sins. -1 Peter 4:8*

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.
– Philippians 2:14-16, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Scripture

2 Timothy 1:5 (Write Out)

Today's Prayer

God, help me to approach my chores and activities without complaining. I want Your love to shine bright in my life so others see how amazing You are! In Jesus' name, Amen.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF HONORING MOTHERHOOD

Today 26

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Holding onto You

As a senior nurse in a busy hospital, Anne thought she was prepared for everything. Until the day she learned her mom was in the beginning stages of dementia.

Suddenly, every word, touch, and conversation with her mom was precious to her. Each was a gift that Anne held close and treasured. As time went on, Anne watched her mother slip further and further away. She tried not to cry as she watched the tiny woman who'd once been a powerhouse, retreat into herself.

One day, Anne was taking her mom to the grocery store. She got out of the driver's side then went around the passenger side to get her mom. The older woman refused to come out because Anne had parked close to the curb, "I'll fall," she said in a timid voice.

Anne looked around the full parking lot. Then Isaiah 41:13 popped into her head, "For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."

It was the Bible verse that her mother had kept taped to the fridge for her entire life. Anne reached out to her mom and smiled, "Don't worry. I'm holding onto you now."

When circumstances look scary, remember God is holding onto you. He will help you through your trial and He won't let go.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 26

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise

He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord. – Proverbs 18:22

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

“For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.” – Isaiah 41:13, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, thank You for holding onto me no matter what! Let me feel the comfort and assurance of Your presence in the middle of my trials. In Jesus' name, Amen..

Today's Scripture Galatians 6:9 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 27

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Wonderfully Made

Holly struggled with an eating disorder when she was a teenager.

She'd always felt uncomfortable in her skin and when a boyfriend broke up with her because she was "too chunky", she started purging after meals.

It wasn't until her senior year of college when she met a Christian counselor that Holly began to experience healing.

Now after years of work, Holly views herself as a precious daughter of God.

Still when she had kids, she didn't want them to face the same struggles. So Holly made it a point to talk with all of her kids about their bodies from the time they were young. "I tried to emphasize how beautiful and unique their bodies were," Holly explains.

But she didn't stop there. She wrote down encouraging Bible verses like Ephesians 2:10, Psalm 139:14, Romans 12:1, and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

Then Holly placed them throughout the house, near mirrors and on appliances.

Holly says, "My prayers is that my kids to be so filled up with the truth of who they are in Christ that they don't fall into the same lies I did."

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 27

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise

Each of you must respect your mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the Lord your God. — Leviticus 19:3

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

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

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, You made my body and formed me. I am Your work of art and that makes me beautiful. Help me to accept this truth and live it out. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Psalm 23:6 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 28

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Redemption in Progress

Sheryl's son was diagnosed with autism when he was five. After that, Sheryl spent a lot of time online looking for causes.

She made appointments with the best specialists in the world. But even with all their medical knowledge, the doctors couldn't explain exactly why her son had the medical condition.

A few days after another disappointing doctor's visit, Sheryl was waiting in line at the coffee shop.

The woman behind her struck up a conversation and they both discovered they had children with autism.

Sheryl felt relieved to connect with someone who understood her family's struggle. "I keep trying to figure out why this happened. I want to know what I did. I must have done something wrong and God has punished my son for it."

The other mother smiled at Sheryl sympathetically. She shared the truth of John 9. "God didn't send autism to punish you or your child, but He can use it for His glory.

What was meant to hurt and destroy your family will become a beacon of light that calls others toward God."

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 28

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise

*But the child's mother said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her.
— 2 Kings 4:30*

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" – John 9:2, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, help me to remember that You can redeem any illness or disability. Please take the painful parts of my life and use them to draw others closer to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture **Philippians 1:3 (Write Out)**

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 29

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Keep Doing Good

Cassie adopted Ethan when he was just a few months old.

Even though it meant becoming a single parent, she felt like adoption was what God wanted her to do.

But Ethan wasn't like other kids. He'd been born to a mother addicted to drugs and he had several health problems because of it. His biggest struggle was with learning new information.

So, Cassie had to work hard to help Ethan understand basic information like the ABCs. One day, she'd spent all afternoon working with him.

She was about to give up when she remembered Galatians 6:9. The verse gave her the strength to keep working with her son.

But even after their session, Ethan didn't appear to have absorbed a single letter.

Discouraged, Cassie wondered if she'd ever be able to get Ethan to understand letters and words.

The next morning, Cassie went to get Ethan out of his bed. But she stopped when she heard singing. She kept listening then smiled as she realized, Ethan was singing the alphabet song.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 29

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise

Grace and peace to you from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I thank my God every time I
remember you. - Philippians 1:2-3

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**“Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a
harvest if we do not give up.”**
-- Galatians 6:9, NIV

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

**God, when I encounter hard things, help
me to lean in. Give me strength to keep
going even when I feel disappointed or
discouraged. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Today's Scripture Proverbs 17:6 (Write Out)

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17*

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Today 30

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Never Let Go

Paula Cichan was traveling with her husband and two kids in August 1987. The family of four was returning from a family reunion in Philadelphia.

But they never made it home. Flight 255 crashed, killing all of the passengers but Paula's four-year-old daughter, Cecelia.

The seconds ticked down as the plane rapidly descended. With no protection to offer her girl, Paula gave the only thing she could—her life. She unbuckled her own seatbelt and threw herself on top of her daughter.

Paula's sacrifice reminds us of what Jesus did on the Cross. Unwilling to see you suffer for eternity, Jesus came to offer life. He sacrificed His life and His body so you could live free.

This is what Jesus meant when He spoke in John 10:27-28, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand."

Wherever you are today and whatever you're going through, know that Jesus is holding onto you. And He never lets go of His precious children...

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise
Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children. — Proverbs 17:6

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 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."
— Romans 8:38-39, NIV*

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, thank You for the sacrifice on the Cross. Thank You for giving me life...no matter what happens, I believe You are holding me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Proverbs 14:1 Write Out)

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Today 31

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise

*A kindhearted woman gains honor,
but ruthless men gain only wealth.
— Proverbs 11:16*

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**Children are a heritage from the Lord,
offspring a reward from him.
- Psalm 127:3**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

**God, help me when I feel unseen to
remember You are the God who sees. You
know my story from beginning to end. In
Jesus' name, Amen.**

Today's Scripture Ephesians 6: 1-3 (Write Out)

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17*

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