



MORNING BY MORNING

(A ONE-HOUR DAILY
DEVOTIONAL TEMPLATE GUIDE)



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Isaiah 50:4 (NKJV)

*“**T**he Lord God has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned.”*

DISCLAIMER

This devotion template is not a rule or a law. It is simply a guide, something to help you cultivate discipline and consistency in your walk with God. It is not compulsory to follow every detail to the letter.

As you grow, as you gain spiritual stamina, and as your fellowship with the Lord becomes more rooted, you'll find that the structure will begin to give way to a flow, a divine rhythm that the Holy Spirit Himself orchestrates.

Eventually, you may discover that even one hour is not enough for the depth of intimacy you crave. However, until that flow comes naturally, let this guide help you stay focused and faithful.

Matthew 26:40- Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter.

One hour out of 24 hours in a day is a good start, the basic, the

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minimum. Give it to the Lord happily and cheerfully.

Remember, the best time for devotion is always the morning. Scripture says, Isaiah 50:4 *“The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.”*

Still, there may be days when you miss it. On those days, let your heart be truly sorry, because you know what you’ve missed.

Let that sorrow drive you to deeper consistency, because it is through such consistency that you build a life-giving altar to the Lord, an altar that not only transforms your own life, but impacts the lives of others as well.

YOU'D WANT TO GIVE UP!

We've been there. It's normal. You are not the first to walk this path, and you certainly won't be the last.

When you start something new, especially a spiritual life, there's excitement. You wake up eager, full of energy, ready to meet God, ready to conquer. Everything feels fresh, and your heart burns bright.

But then, at some point, that excitement begins to fade. The newness wears off. The thrill seems to slip through your fingers like sand. It feels like a slow dimming of the light.

Don't mistake that for failure, sis.

No, this is the test. This is the season where God is quietly watching to see if you really mean business with Him. It's when He's waiting to see if your love is for a moment or a lifetime. He's looking to see if you'll show up when it's not easy.

YOU'D WANT TO GIVE UP!

If you can keep going when your emotions aren't cooperating... If you can stay at His feet when you're not "feeling" it... If you can whisper "yes" even when your flesh says "not today", then you will find something deeper than excitement. You will enter into the rhythm of grace.

That's when a shift happens, sis. That's when devotion becomes lifestyle. That's when God begins to entrust more to you.

So press on. Push through. You will burst into the light of days, and it will be worth every single moment you stayed. Keep showing up. God is waiting, every single morning. He never tires of meeting with you.

Let consistency be your sacrifice.

Let love be your reason.

Let grace be your strength.

DEVOTION SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

To have a fruitful and focused time with the Lord each day, follow these simple, practical steps:

A. Prepare Your Devotion Kit:

Gather the following items and keep them in a dedicated bag or pouch for easy access:

- Your physical Bible
- Highlighters (various colors for marking scriptures)
- Pencils and pens (for journaling or making notes)
- A ruler (for underlining or structuring notes)
- A devotional journal or study template (which is this guide you are holding now)
- Your intercession list ([Get one here](#))
- Your hymnbook (You will need this to start your daily devotion)
- [Your memory verse handbook](#)

B. Offline Mode is a Must

Always put your phone on airplane mode or completely offline to eliminate distractions during your devotion

C. Designate Your Meeting Place

Choose one specific place where you will always meet with the Lord. This consistency builds an altar around that location. It could be:

- A prayer corner in your room
- A quiet section of your living room
- A common room in school
- A hidden staircase in your hostel
- Even the bathroom (if that's your only private space) Try not to do your devotion on your bed, especially if you're still growing in discipline as, well you know, it invites sleep!

D. Set a Specific Time Just as you set a place, set a regular time to meet with God. A consistent time builds spiritual discipline and anticipation. Early in the morning is often best before the day's noise begins. Around 3am to 5am before roommates, friends and family members start to wake up. You should know that this means you'd have to start sleeping early. End your day with God and sleep so you are refreshed in the morning. *"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."* – Mark 1:35

E. Have a Clock or Timer (Optional but Useful) If you're struggling with discipline or distractions, set a timer for each section. This keeps you on track, especially when you're first starting out.

F. A “To-Go” Version: Be a moving altar, sis. If you ever must do your devotion outside your designated space (e.g., travel), you can take a “mini altar material” with you, (Maybe your Devotion bag) to stay consistent. And install another altar in the place. Don’t be caught unprayed!

PREPPING UP

Rise from your bed and command your body to obey. Walk around. Wash your face. Brush your teeth. Play a stirring worship song from your offline playlist. Squat ten times if that helps. Swing your shoulder up and down, sideways. Just wake this flesh up!

Begin to whisper thanksgiving from your lips. Let your heart start rising in awareness that God is near and is waiting to meet with you.

Then, come to the place you have designated for devotion and settle into it with reverence. You are about to encounter the Living God.

OPENING PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

I F YOU HAVE NOT BEEN BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY GHOST

(Place your hand on your chest and speak sincerely to the Lord.)

Lord Jesus, I surrender this body to You. This is Your tabernacle, come and take Your rightful place in it. I desire to be filled with You. I desire to be immersed, overshadowed, and completely taken over by Your Spirit. Every sin, every fear, every mindset or yoke within me that resists Your infilling, I cast it out right now in the name of Jesus. Let this body become the place where You dwell.

Baptize me with Your Holy Ghost. Let this devotion today be supernatural. Let this not be a time of ordinary reading and mechanical prayers. Let this be the beginning of divine encounters. I yield myself to You. Come, Holy Spirit. Fill me. Change me. Mark me. Let today be a turning point.

You may repeat this prayer several times, letting it swell into a

OPENING PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

song. If you know the hymn, you may softly sing:

*Baptize me, Lord, with the Holy Ghost,
and grant a new Pentecost.*

*Oh hear me, Lord, while I humbly pray,
and send on me tongues of fire today.*

Repeat it again and again until your soul soaks in the plea for a baptism that transforms everything.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY GHOST

Take your best position. Kneel, Lift your hands or walk the room. Begin to pray aloud in the language of the Spirit. Let rivers flow from your belly. Let the groanings of heaven move through your lips. Do not rush.

Say to the Lord:

“Holy Spirit, take over. Rise within me. Arise like the Lion of Judah and fill this house again. Chase out everything in me that resists Your fire, every trace of laziness, every hint of sleepiness, every shadow of routine. I want more of You. I want to burn for You again.”

Spend at least five full minutes speaking in tongues as the Holy Spirit gives you utterance.

HYMN OF ADORATION (5 minutes)

- Pick up your hymnbook and sing a hymns to the Lord.
- Sing other worship songs from your heart as the Spirit leads.
- Do not play songs, sing them. Let your mouth speak and your ears hear.
- Be aware of what you're singing. Mean it. Let it be heartfelt.
- Worship in reverence, in truth, and in spirit.

BIBLE STUDY (15 minutes)

Bring out your hardcopy Bible. Open your phone only for checking other versions (but keep it offline). Use a multi-version Bible app you've downloaded ahead.

- Go to the day's Scripture from your August guide.
- Open your journal and use the Bible Study Format provided
- Read the Scriptures slowly, carefully.
- Do not skip verses you don't understand. Ponder and cross-check them in other versions until the light comes.
- Write what God is saying to you using the Study Format

WORD-BASED PRAYERS (5 minutes)

- Pray over the Word you just studied.
- Talk to the Lord about what you learned.
- Repent, rejoice, request, and reflect as guided by the scriptures you've read.
- Turn the lessons into personal prayers.

MEMORIZATION (5 minutes)

- Practice the last Bible verse learnt.
- Pick the verse from your Memory Verse handbook
- Repeat it aloud.
- Recite it over and over until it begins to make sense and sticks to your heart.
- Say it slowly. Think about it. Let it stay with you throughout the day.

SUPPLICATION (5 minutes)

- Begin to pray for your day.
- Lay your burdens before the Lord (your family, academics, ministry, work, decisions)
- Open your heart fully and ask for divine help, wisdom, strength, and grace.
- Be specific and intentional.

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INTERCESSION (5 minutes)

- Bring out your Intercession List (that you downloaded).
- Choose the people on your list for the day
- Pray fervently and sincerely for them.
- Stand in the gap and lift them before the Lord with compassion.

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT (5 minutes)

- Play an instrument that blesses you.
- If you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, begin to speak in tongues.
- If you are not yet baptized in the Holy Spirit, lay your hand on your chest and ask for the Holy Ghost to come.

SILENCE & LISTENING (5 minutes)

So gently place your hand over your chest. Breathe in slowly. Breathe out gently. Then ask Your Father:

“Daddy, I’ve spoken to You a lot today, but now I want You to speak to me. I don’t know what way You might choose to speak, and I won’t try to box You in. If You choose to speak through a whisper in my heart, a scripture rising to my mind, a strong impression, a sudden knowing, a song, a picture, or a nudge, I’m open. Whatever way You choose, I just want to feel You near. I want to see. I want to hear. I want to know. Open my ears to hear You. Open my eyes to see You. Open my body and soul to sense You in a way that is real and unmistakable. I am ready, Lord. I wait for You.”

Now, be silent for five full minutes. Just stay still. Don’t pray. Don’t think about what’s next. If your mind drifts, gently bring it back and whisper again, “I am listening.”

Let the moment be saturated with His presence. He will

Speak, He always does. His voice will come.

- Continue playing soft instrumental worship
- Be still and quiet before God.
- Listen for His voice or for sight.
- Maintain silence violently. Make sure you win over your soul.
- Write down any impressions.

COULDN'T HEAR HIM?

That's okay. This is a process, sis. So gently whisper this to Him from your heart:

"Lord, I'm sorry. Maybe my soul was struggling to be still. Maybe I wasn't fully settled. Maybe I'm still learning to discern Your voice. Today, I didn't seem to pick up any signal. I didn't catch anything fresh from You beyond the Word I've read, and I am thankful for that. But, Lord, I longed to hear You more personally. Still, I will trust You. I will keep my heart open through the day, believing that You will yet speak to me. I will be sensitive. I believe You are coming through. Please, Daddy, whenever You speak, let me know it's You. I don't want to walk in darkness. I want to be used to Your voice. I want to know it like a child knows her Father's footsteps. Train me, Lord. I am listening. I love You, Daddy."

ROUNDING OFF PRAYER

Father, I thank You for the gift of this wonderful time in Your presence. I give You all the glory because You have spoken to me in such a personal and powerful way today. I do not take this fellowship for granted. Thank You for opening my heart, for speaking to my spirit, and for releasing grace over me afresh. Lord, I commit this day into Your hands. Please take over my day. Let every step I take and every word I speak be led by You. Walk with me, Lord Jesus. Let me not stray from the path of obedience. Help me to pay attention to the little instructions You whisper to my heart. Help me not to overlook Your promptings. Let Your voice be unmistakably loud in my ears. Let my spiritual eyes be sharpened, that I may clearly perceive what You are showing me.

Lord, I ask that You protect me from all forms of evil today. Deliver me from unseen dangers and from the traps of the enemy. Let Your kingdom come into every aspect of my life, into my home, my workplace, my school, and my relationships. Let Your will be done and not mine. Let no human will override Yours concerning me. I lay down every desire, every plan, and every ambition at Your feet,

and I say, "Your will alone be done." Let Your will be done in my heart, in my soul, in my body, in my family, in my church, and in my generation.

Father, provide everything I need today. I ask for spiritual strength, the grace to stand firm, the spirit of wisdom and revelation, and divine insight into the things I need to know. I receive wisdom for conversations, discernment for decisions, and power for spiritual battles. I cover the food I eat and the water I drink with the blood of Jesus. I speak that nothing I consume today shall be used against me in the spirit. I sanctify my environment and all I engage with today under the covering of the blood.

Lord, I declare that today will bring blessings to me. I call forth the favor of God and the favor of men. I decree that I am blessed. Anyone who blesses me is blessed, and anyone who curses me is cursed, in the name of Jesus. I am untouchable today because I am soaked in the precious blood of Jesus. My household, my children, my spouse, my parents, my siblings, everyone connected to me is under the covenant of divine protection. No evil report will reach my ears today. I refuse to entertain fear. I refuse to accept any bad news. I will only hear what glorifies God. I will only see what brings joy. Everywhere my loved ones are scattered across the globe, they are shielded by the hand of the Lord.

I rest in Your peace, Father. Thank You for surrounding me with Your presence. I step into this day, covered, anointed, and commissioned to walk in Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.