

Devotional I



How to use this devotional

The main goal of this devotional is to get you, and your family, ready for worship on Sunday morning.

With every member of the family present, read one of the Psalms included in this guide, and then use the comments at the end of it, to spend some time in prayer, meditation, or even discussion of what the Psalm says.

If you are part of our Hospitality Small Community, and you are preparing something for our Table of Fellowship, you may want to read the Psalm first, prepare your dish, and then invest some time in prayer, using the suggestions at the end of the Psalm.

In any way you decide to use this devotional, it is my prayer and hope that it will help you, and your family, to worship Him well.

Blessings!

-AlexV

Psalm 120

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.
Deliver me, O LORD,

from lying lips,
from a deceitful tongue.

What shall be given to you,
and what more shall be done to
you,
you deceitful tongue?
A warrior's sharp arrows,
with glowing coals of the broom
tree!

Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech,
that I dwell among the tents of
Kedar!

Too long have I had my dwelling
among those who hate peace.
I am for peace,
but when I speak, they are
for war!

Prayer & Meditation

Worship God because He is available to us. He is willing and able to rescue us.

Confess to Him words you used this week, that did not honor Him.

Ask God to provide protection, for you and your family, from the influence of the world.

Psalm 121

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your
right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming
in
from this time forth and fore-
vermore.

Prayer & Meditation

Worship God because He is your keeper,
and He will never fail at this task.

Confess to Him any lack of trust in His
faithfulness.

Ask Him to allow you to really enjoy His
peace.

Psalm 122

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the
LORD!”

Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,

as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the
LORD.

There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!

Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”
For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

For the sake of the house of the LORD
our God,
I will seek your good.

Prayer & Meditation

Worship God for His people, the
Church.

Confess to Him if you have not look for
the peace of His people.

Ask Him to give you a renewed joy to
worship Him, with His people.

Psalm 123

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the
heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maidservant
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have
mercy upon us,
for we have had more than
enough of contempt.

Our soul has had more than enough

of the scorn of those who are at
ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

Prayer & Meditation

Worship God because He is our loving
Master.

Confess to Him any instance when you
looked to someone else for help.

Ask our God to give you of His mercy
and His presence.

Psalm 124

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.

If it had not been the LORD who was on
our side—

let Israel now say—

if it had not been the LORD who was on
our side

when people rose up against us,
then they would have swallowed us up
alive,

when their anger was kindled
against us;

then the flood would have swept us
away,

the torrent would have gone over
us;

then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth!

We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped!

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Prayer & Meditation

Worship Him because of His deliverance
for you.

Confess to our God any pride or self-re-
liance.

Ask Him to allow you to see more and
more of His work in you.

