

FIRST things FIRST...

Daily Devotions

Devotional Guide ~ February 2-8, 2026

Devotions are prepared for you to use in your Quiet Time with the Lord and are designed to prepare you for the sermon next Sunday.

Monday: February 2

Scripture: Amos 5:21-24 & Isaiah 58:1-9

God speaks through Amos with hard honesty. Worship alone is not enough. Singing songs and bringing offerings mean very little if people are being treated unfairly. God is not impressed by religious activity that ignores injustice or turns a blind eye to suffering. Real worship shows up in how we live. It is seen in how we treat our neighbors, how we speak up for what is right, and how we act with fairness and compassion. When faith moves from words to actions, it becomes real and visible. That kind of worship truly honors God and reflects God's heart to the world.

Prayer: God of justice, help us move beyond words alone.

Tuesday: February 3

Scripture: Matthew 6:16-18 & Isaiah 58:1-9

Jesus teaches that fasting is not about looking holy or drawing attention to ourselves. It is about making space for God. When spiritual practices become performances, they lose their purpose and miss the point. Fasting, prayer, and silence are meant to shape us on the inside. They slow us down, help us listen, and remind us of our need for God. They open our hearts to God's presence and to the needs of those around us.

Prayer: Gracious God, help us practice our faith with sincere hearts.

Wednesday: February 4

Scripture: James 2:14-17 & Isaiah 58:1-9

James does not mince his words. Faith that does not lead to action is incomplete. Kind words mean little if we are not unwilling to help when someone is hungry, lonely, or in need. Faith is meant to be lived out in everyday choices. When we share what we have, offer help, or show kindness, our faith becomes more than belief. Through simple acts, God's grace is made visible.

Prayer: Loving God, move us from belief into action. Open our eyes to those in need and give us willing hearts to serve. Amen.

Thursday: February 5

Scripture: Luke 4:16-21 & Isaiah 58:1-9

At the start of his ministry, Jesus speaks about good news for the poor and for those who are suffering. In these words, we see what God's work looks like in the world. God provides healing, hope, and restoration. To follow Jesus is to care about the things God cared about. We are called to bring hope where there is despair and healing where there is pain. Living out our faith means joining in God's work, even in small, simple, and ordinary ways.

Prayer: Jesus, guide us to follow your example.

Friday: February 6

Scripture: Micah 6:6-8 & Isaiah 58:1-9

Micah reminds us that God is not looking for big religious displays or perfect behavior. God asks something much simpler. It is also sometimes much harder. Doing what is right, showing kindness in love, and walking humbly with God are what we need to do, but it is not always the easiest to do. Faith is lived out in everyday moments. It shows in how we treat others, how we make decisions, and how we carry ourselves throughout the day. Small acts of kindness and humility reflect God's love more clearly than grand gestures ever could.

Prayer: Faithful God, help us walk humbly with you. Teach us to choose kindness and to do what is right each day. Amen.

Saturday: February 7

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16 & Isaiah 58:1-9

Jesus tells his followers that they are the light of the world. This light is not meant to be hidden. It shines through lives shaped by love, honesty, and compassion. When we act with generosity, forgiveness, and care, others notice. What we show the world can point to God. The good and the bad. We are representatives of how our God treats us, and in doing just that, our lives point to a Creator that loves beyond all things. Even small acts of goodness can bring light into dark or difficult places and remind others that they are not alone.

Prayer: God of light, shine through us. Use our words and actions to bring hope and love to those around us. Amen.

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Title: To Action

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-9

Worship at 10:00am

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