

..... **Daily Devotions**

Devotions – March 26-April 1, 2017
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Sunday, March 26, 2017

By Madison Bergquist

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.” - John 3:16

John 3:16 means forgiveness, because God sends his Son, (which is forgiveness), so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. God will always forgive us for our sins, if we believe in him. God will forgive your sins if you trust and believe in him.

When I was little (8 or 9), I hit my sister. And I felt bad afterward, so I prayed to God to ask forgiveness, and God forgave me of my sin. God loves us a lot, because he sacrificed his only Son for us, to forgive our sins so we could go to heaven.

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, please forgive us of our sins and have the people of the world believe in you. Amen.



Monday, March 27, 2017

By Colin Christophersen

“Behold my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and wail for grief of spirit. You shall leave your name as a curse to my chosen; for the Lord God will slay you and call his servants by another name; so that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from my eyes.” - Isaiah 65:14-16

Servants always are in pain from working. And how difficult it is for Jesus when he died for us on the cross. And some servants get rest at the end of the day, while Jesus had no breaks and no food. And everyone has troubles in life when people get sick and die and you want to see them again. And so people should ask God to comfort them through these times and try and be positive.

Let us pray:

O Lord, please help us get rest and comfort us through times and try and help us from troubles. Amen.



Tuesday, March 28, 2017

By Gavyn Crawford

“And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar.” - Luke 23:36

If a person has trapped you, or cornered you and has mocked you, hurt you, or damaged you in any way, stay strong and don't give up or relent. On the cross, Jesus just stood strong and tried to stay positive all the time. Jesus was positive through his death as he helped others.

Now if the person hands you a gift of hate or unforgiveness, just don't do much about it and stay positive. If someone bullies you and sends you hate, ignore it and stay happy. If they ask for forgiveness through gifts, gladly accept and forgive them of their wrongdoings and hate. God wants people to forgive.

Let us pray:

Dear Lord, let us forgive the hate that people have done to us, and stay positive though whatever happens. Stay gold. Amen.

Movie recommendation: “Against the Sun”



Wednesday, March 29, 2017

By Katrina Kruhmin

“In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” - John 1:4-5

If you've been in darkness, you would know how it feels. Like if you've been or are scared, don't know what to do, because you are terrified. There could be many reasons why you are scared or having anxiety. You should know that you need to get out of the darkness, and be the light. God is always there to help you to get into the light, because he's the light. Don't let the darkness overcome you. No matter what, God is the light, and he'll help you.

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, help those who are in the darkness to let them be in the light, so everyone will be happy. Amen.



Thursday, March 30, 2017

By Isabella Grace Mack

“The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night, but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.”

–Isaiah 60:9

I chose this quote because there is a lot that can relate to me. We all have those hard times. God will always be there, even if you don't realize it. He is the everlasting light, and shows lots of glory.

When you hear this quote what do you think of? I think of someone having a hard time, but having God to guide them through their tough times. To be honest, there have been many times I have had tough times and just began to give up on a lot. I forgot about the true love of God. He had showed me many things and has guided me through those depressing times.

I want you to know that there will be many hard times in your life. Don't throw away the one who gives you joy in this world. His love is compassionate. He will never leave you. You are his child. He loves you. He has showed me this. He does for you, too. Think of all those tough times. Think about all those good times. Who has always been there for you? I have only one answer. Do you have the same? He is the reason I am alive. He is the reason for everyone and everything. May we thank the one who has given us life!

I would like to say thank you to the ones who helped me through hard times. Thank you, family, for all your support and help. Thank you, Pastor, for helping me see the glory in our God. Finally, thank you, Lacey/Flyleaf, for helping me through hard times through your music and writing. If you never heard Lacey's music or books, I insist you check her out. And most of all, thank you, Lord, for making everything possible! I am so thankful.

Let us pray:

Dear Lord, I ask that you help all those who cry out to you, or need the love of a heavenly Father. We all suffer from this sad, messed up world, and I ask that you help us to be safe and that we will return to you safely at our home. I also ask that you will return here safely soon one day. Thank you so much for everything, Lord. Amen.



Friday, March 31, 2017

By Jenna Peretto

“And are sure God loves us. God is love. If we keep on loving others, we will stay one in our hearts with God, and he will stay one with us.” - 1 John 4:16

This verse means a lot. I think that any reader that reads this will like it, too. I like this verse, because it says that God loves you and that he is always with you, and we should know he is always in our hearts. He is always there for our good days and our bad days. I have had bad days and good days. Some good days I had were when I got my phone and a bad day is when my mom yells at me.

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for letting everyone know that they are loved and that you are always with them for their good/bad days. Amen.



Saturday, April 1, 2017

By Tessa Wagner

“So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.” - 1 John 4:16

This verse means so much to me, and I hope whoever reads this too will like it as much as I do. I like this because it says how if you abide in love and abide in God, he will also abide in you.

If you don't know what abide in love and abide in God means, this is what it means. Abide in love means that you should always forgive and love. And abide in God means to always stay with God but also remember God will always be with you.

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, let everyone that abides in you have all the love that they need. Amen.

