

March Devotions

Words of Life

“The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.” (**Proverbs 18:21 NIV**)

There is power in your words. “Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.” (**Proverbs 16:24 NIV**) Think about this, to prove a point. Even a child can pick up emotionally on your words and sense if you are glad, sad or mad. Scientific studies bear out how our words create a neurological path in our brain, kind of like a roadmap we instinctively follow. So, words can create for good or bad, life or death. Most important is what God’s word reveals. “For the word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart: (**Hebrews 4:12**) So, what is your mindset? Are your words bearing good outcomes...good fruit as the bible says. God’s word is living and when it is spoken it brings life. God’s word changes us from the inside out and as a result we create new life-giving ways of thinking, and our thinking produces our actions. “...Old things are passed away.” (**2 Corinthians 5:17**) God’s word transforms us because our mind is becoming renewed to God’s way of thinking. We see things with our spiritual eyes. Our words become seeds that produce life and health. What God spoke to Joshua is a word for everyone. He said to Joshua “Keep this book of the law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” (**Joshua 1:8 NIV**) Now, go back and read this last quote again, but insert your name instead of Joshua’s.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for your word. Your word brings life. The wisdom your word imparts is beyond anything man has ever conceived. You have given us the keys to living a fruitful life based upon your words of life. Amen

Romans 12:2

Knowing His Voice

Since the primary purpose of the Bible is for God to speak to us, we might assume the primary purpose of prayer is for us to speak to God.

While that is true, prayer has an even greater purpose. When we earnestly seek Him, we enter the presence of God. We come face-to-face with the Creator of the universe! We can communicate directly to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ as God's Spirit who indwells us, faithfully guides us.

"The LORD is close to all who call on Him, yes to all who call on Him in truth." **Psalm 145:18**

Prayer isn't only about talking to God; it's also about giving Him the opportunity to speak to us. As we continue to talk to Him, listen to Him, read His Word and meditate on His truths, we will readily recognize His voice and discern what He is telling us. The more time we spend in His presence, the more familiar His voice becomes.

"The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice." **John 10:3-4**

Prayer Points:

- After you are done praying, sit quietly and listen for Him to speak to you. It's a good idea to have some paper and a pen readily available to jot down what He says.
- As you are learning God's voice, if you question whether or not what you heard came from Him, ask Holy Spirit for wisdom and discernment. Does it align with His Word?
- Continuously seek Him. Familiarity comes with consistent prayer.

Deeper Faith: Standing in Authority

As believers, we are not called to live intimidated by the attacks of the enemy. Through Jesus Christ, we have been given authority, victory, and dominion. The enemy may form weapons, but Scripture reminds us that they will not prosper (**Isaiah 54:17**).

A deeper faith is not passive—it stands firm. It understands that we do not fight *for* victory; we fight *from* victory. Because of Christ's finished work, we have authority to speak to the mountains in our lives—fear, lack, sickness, opposition—and command them to move.

Jesus said in **Mark 11:23**, *"Whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes... he will have whatever he says."* This is not positive thinking; it is kingdom authority.

Luke 10:19 declares, *"Behold, I give you authority... over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."* We stand covered by the blood of Jesus, clothed in righteousness, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Today, choose to speak with authority. Declare God's Word over your situation. You are victorious. You have dominion. You are seated with Christ in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). Stand firm—your victory is already secured.

Prayer Points

1. **Lord, deepen my faith.** Help me stand boldly in the authority You have given me and trust Your Word above every attack of the enemy.
2. **Father, teach me to speak to my mountains with confidence.** I declare that every stronghold, obstacle, and opposition must bow to the name of Jesus. I walk in victory and dominion in Christ.

"Steadfast Anchor"

“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain.” **(Hebrews 6:19)**

What is said about this anchor? “Hope is ‘an anchor for the soul, firm and secure’, “reaching into the inner sanctuary where Jesus, the forerunner, has entered as High Priest forever.” (a quote from the Berean Standard Bible commentary.) Jesus is our hope, and that hope is what we are anchored too. During our earthly trials, Jesus will remain steadfast in His love for us and be with us as we go through the “fiery trials” of life. He is with us, and He is for us. He is our anchor of hope. The world seems to be moving fueled by continuous chaos. But...we rise above all the noise and confusion because our eternal hope is in Christ, our anchor. Our hope is real because it is based on God’s promises. “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.” **(2 Corinthians 1:20)** Are you longing for lasting peace no matter what is happening in the world? Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” **(John 14:27)**. A beautiful hymn by Edward Mote speaks loudly that Jesus Christ is our anchor. The hymn’s title: “On Christ the solid Rock I stand and the chorus, On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.” Without an anchor we can easily drift into deceiving spiritual waters. Set your anchor on hope through Jesus Christ, “...the steadfast anchor of the soul.”

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I praise you and thank you that in a world that is constantly being shaken, I have an anchor of hope and that is your son, Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus I am standing on solid ground. No matter what comes in life, I am steadfastly anchored to Jesus Christ. All glory, praise and honor belong to Jesus. Amen.

The Single Mind

“Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.” **James 1:8**

No wonder so many of us find ourselves struggling to maintain single-minded focus on the Lord when life continuously throws curve balls at us. We allow the disappointments and injustices to rob us of our joy and sometimes, we even allow them to cause us to doubt and stumble.

We must cultivate the single mind with single-hearted devotion to Christ in spite of everything going on all around us.

Paul teaches us how. “I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.” **Philippians 3:13** He didn’t look at Christ through his circumstances – he looked at his circumstances through Christ. And that single-minded focus changed everything for him.

Paul didn’t focus on his difficult situation. He focused on fellowship with other believers and sharing the gospel with those who didn’t know Christ. His focus enabled him to rejoice and sing praises to the Lord even while he was locked up in prison and living in dreadful conditions.

Hopefully we never have to endure what Paul did but it’s humbling to consider whether or not we would be able to maintain a single-minded focus on the Lord without letting our faith waver when we face difficult times.

Prayer Points:

- Ask the Lord to cultivate in you a single-minded focus on Him – no matter what each day brings.
- Ask God to help you look at your circumstances through Christ rather than look at Christ through your circumstances.
- Seek Holy Spirit’s wisdom and guidance every day in every situation.

Holy Desperation

There is a desperation that drains us — striving for approval, chasing validation, and fearing loss. That kind of desperation is rooted in the world, and it leaves us weary and weighed down. Scripture warns us not to be conformed to this world (**Romans 12:2**).

But there is a **holy desperation** — a deep hunger for the presence of God, a relentless pursuit of truth, a refusal to live without His voice. Holy desperation drives us to Scripture, anchors us in truth, and keeps us aligned with heaven.

Through Jesus Christ, we are not overcome by darkness — we carry the Light into it (**Matthew 5:14**). The world may press in, but it cannot crush what God sustains.

Isaiah 54:17 declares, *“No weapon formed against you shall prosper.”* That means the attack may form, but it will not win. When we stay anchored in the Word, we stand in authority. We do not bow to the weight of this world — we rise in the power of Christ.

Choose holy desperation. Run to the Word. Stand in the Light. Fight from victory.

Warfare & Declaration Prayer Points

1. I Reject Worldly Weight

Father, I renounce every unholy desperation rooted in fear, striving, or comparison. I declare I will not be conformed to this world (**Romans 12:2**). I am transformed by the renewing of my mind.

2. I Carry the Light

Lord, I declare that I am the light of the world (Matthew 5:14) because Christ lives in me. Darkness cannot overtake me. I walk boldly and shine unapologetically.

3. No Weapon Shall Prosper

In the name of Jesus, I declare that no weapon formed against me shall prosper (**Isaiah 54:17**). Every scheme, distraction, and attack is canceled. I stand in victory, clothed in the armor of God (**Ephesians 6:11**).

Lord, I Need You

In a world filled with noise, pressure, and constant distraction, our hearts cry, “Lord, I need You.” Confusion is not from God—clarity is. *“For God is not the author of confusion but of peace” (1 Corinthians 14:33)*. When our minds feel overwhelmed, we are invited to draw near and hear His voice above the chaos.

Jesus Christ reminds us in **John 10:27**, *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”* His voice still speaks—through His Word, through His Spirit, and in stillness.

As we pursue deeper intimacy, He renews our minds and aligns our thoughts with His truth. Scripture declares, *“We have the mind of Christ” (1 Corinthians 2:16)*. He is faithful to take us from confusion to clarity, from anxiety to peace, from noise to knowing.

Today, quiet your heart. Lean in. He is speaking.

Prayer

Father, I need You. Clear the noise in my head and calm every anxious thought. Teach me to recognize Your voice above every other voice. Draw me into deeper intimacy with You. Let Your truth silence confusion and flood my heart with clarity. I declare that I have the mind of Christ, and I choose to think, speak, and walk in alignment with Your Word. Lead me from chaos into Your perfect peace. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Prayer Points with Scripture

1. To Hear God’s Voice Clearly

“My sheep hear My voice...” (John 10:27)

Lord, tune my heart to Your voice. Help me discern Your Spirit clearly and follow where You lead.

2. For Clarity and Peace of Mind

“For God is not the author of confusion but of peace.” (1 Corinthians 14:33)

Father, remove confusion and replace it with Your peace and divine direction.

3. To Walk in the Mind of Christ

“We have the mind of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 2:16)

Holy Spirit, renew my thoughts daily. Align my thinking with heaven’s perspective so I speak and declare Your truth boldly.

In Our Grieving

While the Bible doesn't specifically tell us how we should mourn, God shows us that He cares about our grief. Jesus Himself experienced the grief of loss when He learned that His friend Lazarus died. Jesus wept. **John 11:35** Even though He knew He would raise Lazarus from the dead, He still mourned with Lazarus' family and friends.

It's so reassuring to know that Jesus has experienced our human emotions because He felt what we are feeling! Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted. **Matthew 5:4** He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. **Psalms 147:3**

As we lean on God and allow Him to continue the process of healing our broken hearts, we can rest knowing that He loves us and understands how much we're hurting. Run to the shelter of the Most High because He is our refuge and fortress. **Psalms 91:1-2**

While we're working through our grief, the most important thing we can do is stay in the constant presence of God. The Psalms contain many examples of pouring out one's heart to God and notice how many of the Psalms start out with expressions of pain and grief, yet they mostly end with loving words of praise for our Heavenly Father!

Seasons of grief are inevitable. But we have the hope of Christ, and we know that He is strong enough to carry our burdens. **Matthew 11:30** We can find solace in the Holy Spirit, our Comforter. **John 14:16**

Prayer Points:

- Pour out your expressions of pain and grief to God and allow Him to soothe your broken heart.
- Ask other believers to pray with you, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" **Galatians 6:2**.
- Actively ask for Holy Spirit's comfort and guidance.

“Never stop praying.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT)

Have you ever prayed for someone and felt like your prayers were not being heard? I have a story to encourage your faith. Yes, God does hear our prayers. So don't grow weary and don't give up hope. God is faithful. “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” **(Romans 8:28)**

Recently, I saw a true story demonstrating God's love when He saved a man who was ready to end his life. This was on Trinity Broadcasting Network. This is about a 50ish man, named BJ (fictitious name), who was intent on taking his life because he felt he was a total failure. When his Godly Mother went home, his world shattered because they were very close. He was also dealing with guilt and shame from an adulterous affair that became public in the news media. His own children found out about it at school. As time went on, he fell further into darkness and eased the pain with alcohol. He came up with a plan to escape the misery. So, he rented a cabin and took his gun with him to a remote place, where he planned to take his life.

As BJ sat on the couch in the rented cabin, the voices in his head were so loud and tormenting, screaming that he was a failure and no good. So, to drown out the voices, BJ turned on the tv. This is a miracle. The station was on Trinity Broadcasting. What? ...only God! The man preaching said these words, “Someone is watching right now, and you are planning to commit suicide.” That got his attention and at that moment, the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ was revealed to him. In that lonely cabin, Jesus rescued BJ, forgave him and invited him to be his child and BJ received Jesus as his Savior. God's timing is never early and never late. He had a praying mother, and his children told him they prayed. “Never stop praying” **(1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT)**

Prayer: Father, we thank you that your timing is always perfect you step in and move at the exact moment we need you - help us keep our eyes on You in the midst of the noise of this world. May our communication overcome the voice of the enemy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pure Delight

Think of your favorite person and how much you delight in spending time with them. Chatting and connecting – just being together fills you with such joy. God wants a relationship like that with you! He delights in us, and He wants us to delight in Him. **(Psalm 149:4, Psalm 37:4)**

When we rejoice and delight in the Lord, we allow Him to fashion our hearts like His and create desires in us that match His will. Delighting in Him shifts our focus from selfish desires to a fulfilling life that results in a deeper, more joyful relationship with Him.

We will never be genuinely fulfilled with the things this world has to offer. In fact, we are told not to love the world or anything in it. The things of the world do not come from God. When we place our hope in Him, He will meet all of our needs. Our eternal treasures are found only in Christ. **(1 John 2:15-17)**

As we delight in the eternal things of God and make Him our number one priority, our hearts truly find peace and fulfillment in Him. Jesus said, “But seek **first** His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” **(Matt 6:33)**

Let Him be the true source of your joy and desires. Delight in Him.

Prayer:

Father God, You are my delight, and I choose You above all else. Shape my desires until my heart rests in You alone. Draw me close so I can know You more fully, and awaken my heart to enjoy You more deeply. Satisfy me with Your steadfast love. You are my portion. In Jesus' name, Amen

Living Water Still Flows — Draw Deeper

In **John 7:38**, Jesus Christ declares, *“He who believes in Me... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”* This is not a trickle. It is a continual, supernatural flow — life-giving, cleansing, strengthening. The source is heaven itself.

Revelation 22:1 describes a river flowing from the throne of God. That river still flows today. And because of Christ, we have full access to it. **Hebrews 4:16** invites us to *“come boldly to the throne of grace.”* Not timidly. Not fearfully. Boldly. The veil was torn. Access was granted. The presence of the Father is not distant — it is available.

Many believers feel spiritually dry not because the river stopped flowing, but because they stopped coming to drink.

James 4:8 promises, *“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”* When we move toward Him, He responds. When we seek Him, He fills us. When we linger in His presence, the living water begins to flow again — washing away weariness, anxiety, and spiritual heaviness.

You were never meant to survive on yesterday’s filling. The river is fresh today.

To draw deeper into God’s presence, come thirsty and fully aware of your need for Him. Spiritual hunger attracts spiritual filling, for *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled”* (**Matthew 5:6**). Acknowledge your dependence on Him daily. Choose to open the Word before you open the world, allowing Scripture to shape your thoughts before distractions can. *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”* (**Psalms 119:105**). Make room for stillness, because *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (**Psalms 46:10**); silence positions your heart to recognize His voice. Pray boldly and honestly, remembering **Hebrews 4:16** — you have throne-room access, so speak openly and ask confidently. Finally, yield to the Holy Spirit each day, for living water flows through surrendered vessels. As you walk in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:16), obedience keeps the river of God moving powerfully in and through your life.

Prayer Points

1. Fill Me Again, Lord

According to John 7:38, let rivers of living water flow in and through me. Revive dry places in my heart.

2. I Enter Boldly

Father, I come boldly to Your throne (Hebrews 4:16). I receive grace, mercy, and fresh strength today.

3. Draw Me Closer

Your Word says if I draw near, You will draw near to me (James 4:8). Deepen my hunger, increase my sensitivity to Your Spirit, and anchor me in Your presence.

How to Draw Deeper

1. Come Thirsty and Acknowledge Your Need

Spiritual hunger attracts spiritual filling (Matthew 5:6). Admit your dependence on Him.

2. Open the Word Before You Open the World

Let Scripture shape your thoughts before distractions do (Psalm 119:105). The river flows where truth is welcomed.

3. Practice Stillness

“Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10). Silence positions you to hear His voice.

4. Pray Boldly and Honestly

Hebrews 4:16 reminds us we have throne-room access. Speak openly. Ask confidently.

5. Yield to the Holy Spirit Daily

Living water flows through surrendered vessels (Galatians 5:16). Obedience keeps the river moving.