

**Daily Reflection on Scripture**  
**Week of July 1**  
**By the People – For the People**  
**Week 1 - Introduction**



**Sunday July 1**

*1 Corinthians 12:4 God's various **gifts** are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit.*

**Morning Prayer:** God, You are the giver of all great and wonderful gifts. You have given me so many great gifts. Today, help me to see where my gifts can be most useful. May I be a gift of Your love to someone. May I stop along the way today and say, "Thank you God, for the gifts You have given to me". May I stop along the way and express my gratitude in an act of service with my hands. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** You have many gifts. Gifts that God has given to you innately and gifts that you have acquired through learning. Either way gifts are to be shared with others.

**Evening Text:** God, for the gift of this day I bow my head and say, thank you. With gratitude in my heart the disappointments fade away and prepare me for a night of rest.

**Monday July 2**

*1 Corinthians 12:4 God's various **ministries** are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit.*

**Morning Prayer:** God, how wonderful it is to wake up today knowing I have the blessing of being your hands, your eyes, your ears, and your heart in the world. May I check in with you throughout this day to ask, "Where would you have me go? What would you have me do? What would you have me say, and to whom?". In this way, I am living into the unique ministry you have designed just for me so I may be an instrument for your Peace, Joy, Beauty, and Love in every moment and with every breath. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** How I am living into God's ministry for my life? I am inspired and empowered by purpose, presence, and prayer. God's Spirit expresses through me and as me now.

**Evening Text:** I give thanks for the movement of God in my life. What a gift to express and experience the living, breathing ministry of Spirit in times of work and of rest.

**Tuesday July 3**

*1 Corinthians 12:5 God's **various expressions of power** are in action everywhere; but God is behind it all.*

**Morning Prayer:** God, I awaken this morning with thoughts of the day to come running through my mind - the tasks ahead and the many people I will encounter. Before I face the busyness of the day I prepare by taking a moment to reflect on the unique gifts You have given me. In all that I do today and to everyone I encounter today, may I use those gifts to reveal Your grace, Your love, Your wisdom, Your forgiveness. My prayer is that in those encounters my words and my actions be an expression of You.

**Noon Text:** What does the word 'power' mean to you? Can you see God's expression of power in everyone you encounter today – see God revealed in their unique story?

**Evening Text:** God, I am filled with gratitude for our unique stories that reveal Your grace. I rest now reflecting on how I have witnessed Your love and grace today.

#### **Wednesday July 4**

*1 Corinthians 12:6 Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits.*

**Morning Prayer:** God, as I greet the new day, may I strive to use my unique gifts and passions to light the world around me, and lift up all those I meet today. May I be a living reflection of your unconditional love.

**Noon text:** How am I affirming the unique qualities of the people I have encountered today? I am reminded that each one is a reflection of who God is.

**Evening Text:** I am grateful for all the gifts of this day and the many ways I have seen God revealed. I will carry them all with me into my rest.

#### **Thursday July 5**

*1 Corinthians 12:7 All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful...*

**Morning Prayer:** God, this scripture reminds me of the beautiful diversity of human beings. How dull the world would be if we were all the same. Our uniqueness is one of your greatest gifts. May I be more mindfully grateful for the many ways each of us reveals some aspect of your nature. This is my prayer today.

**Noon Text:** Pause for a few moments to lay aside the challenges of the day. *Breathe in:* Wherever I am, *Breathe out:* God is there.

**Evening Text:** As I lay aside this day, I am grateful for the variety of encounters I have had. Each one was a teaching moment to remind me that Spirit is always present.

#### **Friday July 6**

*1 Corinthians 12:27 You are Christ's body—that's who you are! You must never forget this.*

**Morning Prayer:** Giving God, as this day begins, I am reminded that you are with me always. You live within me, for I am yours and you are mine. As this day unfolds, may I remember just how close you truly are. I am grateful for this body that you have given to me, so that I may serve and bless those around me with every action I take. My hands and feet are your hands and feet. No matter how imperfect this body may appear to be, it is made perfect by your loving grace. Fill me up, so I may overflow to those around me. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** As I nourish my body today, I reflect on the blessings this body has given me. I give thanks for this Christ-filled body.

**Evening Text:** As the day comes to an end, it is time to give this body rest. I am grateful for the opportunities today to share your love with others.

**Saturday July 7**

*Ephesians 2:10a ...we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things.*

**Morning Prayer:** God, morning has come and the day is full. Of all the things I have to do and all the places I have to go, may I remember my first responsibility is to do good things. Good things like, love myself, and express my love for You in the ways I love others. Help me to see myself as You see me. The scripture says You see me as Your great accomplishment. Sometimes that is hard for me to fathom. Yet today I am going to live as though it is true. I am going to do great things for you by loving myself and others as you love us all. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** You were created by God to do good things. Good things like being kind, humble, present, loving and gracious. Do for others what you want them to do for you.

**Evening Text:** God, as I think about my accomplishments today, nothing has been more important than receiving and giving Your love. Now, Your love allows me to rest well.