

Dear Friends,

I have written these devotions for you as part of my fall seminary class. They are written for all ages. Super Adults, Adults and families with children. My mentor, Ruth Bagwell, taught me the importance of Quiet Time with God. I enjoy themes, Bible verses and the arts to help focus this important time. Prayers and Blessings, Wendy Dever



Fall Devotions

I Am Thankful

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Psalm 9:1

October—I am thankful for God’s goodness to me

Week 1:

God really loves us! I am so thankful that God loves us, cares for us and knows our names. No matter what happens God is always with us. Life happens, but God is good. Some days, we just need to look up as life goes on around us. Psalm 145:9 says The Lord is good to all and his compassion is over all that he has made. Please enjoy this song that TobyMac wrote two years after his son passed away.

Song: “The Goodness” by TobyMac and Blessing Offor

For two years Toby wrote different songs, but they were about God’s faithfulness. God was with him and his family the entire time. God is faithful at all times. After this time, he was able to write about the goodness. God always remembers us and what is happening to us. God is always with us. Jesus told us that God has even counted the number of hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). God really loves us and cares for us.

Week 2:

God is good to us! Sometimes we get busy and forget to notice things. Children notice many things. They are very curious. They take the time to look around. We need to take the time to notice the evidence around us that God is walking with us and that we are never alone. God is the goodness in our lives. Taste and see that the Lord is good says Psalm 34:8. Look for the evidence of God’s goodness in your life this week.

Song: “Evidence” by Josh Baldwin

Take a goodness walk. Notice all the good things around you. Use all of your senses. You may hear the birds, see the clouds, smell the flowers, taste the rain or touch the grass. Maybe you will see a friend. You might see children playing or hear beautiful music. Coming home, you could see someone you love or your home. You could feel God's love for you.

Week 3:

God is faithful. So many things in life are temporary. Life itself is temporary. God and God's goodness to us are forever. We can always depend on God. God listens to us and hears our prayers. Romans 8:28 says We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.

Song: "Goodness of God" By Jenn Johnson

God is good always. God is forever. When we talk to God, we know God is ready and waiting to listen to us. May we love the voice of God and sing of God's goodness. With every breath we take, God is faithful. May we too be faithful to God.

Week 4:

God calls us by name. God knows us personally. God reaches out to us every day. God loves us and we are God's children. We are always welcome in God's arms. Isaiah 30:18 says The Lord waits to be gracious to you, he will rise up to show mercy to you. God waits for us.

Song: "Running Home" by Cochren and Co.

Psalm 139 reminds us that God knows all about us. God knows our thoughts, our ways and is always with us. God made us, each one of us. God wants us to want God. We have that choice each day. God waits for us. God's patience does not ask for perfection, it simply asks for us because God loves us.

Week 5:

Blessing Offor believes in God's love for us. Blessing was born blind in one eye. A childhood accident left him blind in the other eye. Blessing still believes in God's love for him and for us. His song is like his testimony. As you listen, think about God's goodness to you as Blessing recalls God's goodness to him.

Song: "Believe" by Blessing Offor

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Blessing is blind, but he believes in God's love. A child told me once that to believe means to know that you know that you know. We believe in God's love and goodness even though we cannot see it, yet it is all around us. God takes care of us. God is with us. God made us. God loves us. God is faithful. God knows our names.

All Scripture references are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

All songs may be found on YouTube.