Monday 1st

Good Morning God! You are ushering in another day, untouched and freshly new. So here I am to ask you God, if You'll renew me too. Forgive the many errors that I made yesterday and let me try again, dear God, to walk closer in Your way. But Lord, I am well aware,

I can't make it on my own. So take my hand and hold it tight, for I cannot walk alone.

Tuesday 2nd

Grant me courage as I go through this day. Grant me a cheerful spirit when things don't go my way and give me the courage to do whatever needs to be done.

Wednesday 3rd

Open our eyes, Lord, as we walk through this world. As we feel the wind and sunshine and see the world around us, help us to see you in the majesty of creation.

Thursday 4th

Lord, we thank you that we live in a democracy when so many do not. We ask that you will give us wisdom as we vote, graciousness in both victory and defeat and that we may be your salt and light in a broken world.

Friday 5th

You call us to hear again the ancient words, engraved in the Central Lobby of Parliament: *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.* (Psalm 127.1). Grant that these words may continue to inspire and to offer counsel to those elected to office.

Saturday 6th

Dear Lord, thank you for your gift of a new day. I offer this day to you. May everything I do today be done with love and for your glory. Guide my thoughts, words and actions, and help me to be a source of kindness and encouragement to others.

Sunday 7th

Lord, I know that I cannot grow in my faith without the support of other believers. Please strengthen my church and our leaders so that we can make a difference where you have placed us.

Monday 8th

May we walk with God this summer in whatever we do, wherever we go. Walking with honesty and with courage, walking with love and respect and concern for the feelings of others every day and in every situation.

Tuesday 9th

Creator God, who breathed this world into being, who we see within the harmony of nature, we thank you for the miracles of life that we see every day and take for granted.

Wednesday 10th

We thank you this day for the summer sun which reminds us that your creative breath is still alive and active. Thank you for the warmth of your love sustaining this world.

Thursday 11th

Long, warm days when the pace of life slows. Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence. Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.

Friday 12th

Lord, may I be a catalyst for light and love and bring inspiration to those who I meet during the course of today.

Saturday 13th

Heavenly Father, thank you for those I rely on. Make me someone whom others can rely on.

Sunday 14th

Lord, we thank you for all those people who have demonstrated the joys and disciplines of the Christian life and who have been a source of inspiration to us.

Monday 15th

Father, help me to be present to all who need me. Help me to be present to those I know too well to actually see and to those who are unseen strangers to me.

Tuesday 16th

Thank you for last night's sleep and for the gift of today. Help me to use it wisely and to miss none of today's opportunities.

Wednesday 17th

Lord, please give me strength when I am weak, love when I feel forsaken, courage when I am afraid, wisdom when I feel foolish, comfort when I am alone, hope when I feel rejected and peace when I am in turmoil.

Thursday 18th

Lord, we thank you for our families and friends, for the good times that we've shared and for those bad times when we've drawn comfort from your constant presence.

Friday 19th

Lord, give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Saturday 20th

We give you thanks that your light shines in all places and towards all peoples and that your light has shone in our hearts. Help us this day to walk in the light of your Spirit as we seek to live for your glory.

Sunday 21st

Lord, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbour, to love our enemy as our friend. Love and ever more love is the only solution to every problem that comes up. If we love each other enough, we will bear with each other's faults and burdens. If we love enough, we are going to light a fire in the hearts of others. And it is love that will burn out the sins and hatreds that sadden us. It is love that will make us want to do great things for each other.

Monday 22nd

Grant me to recognise in others, Lord God, the radiance of your own face.

Tuesday 23rd

Let us rejoice in the gifts of nature that sustain us, the rhythms of life that surround us, the families and friends that support us and the gift of the Holy Spirit that never fails us.

Wednesday 24th

Lord, help me to find faith in the midst of the chaos. Give me the desire and ability to see You, hear You, talk to You, and give thanks to You. And as I do, I pray that I will draw nearer and nearer to You.

Thursday 25th

Lord, thank You for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally. Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way. Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life, and show me how to meet those needs in a way that pleases You.

Friday 26th

Lord, I am sorry for the many thoughtless things I have spoken in anger or in gossip. Please help me to be slow to speak and to be a person full of loving words and full of your Spirit.

Saturday 27th

Lord, the qualities I see lived out so well in some people are a reflection of your own goodness, and I know that I have much to learn from other people who reflect your image and likeness in different ways. Inspire me to respect others fully as my equals, seeing and loving in them what you see and love in them.

Sunday 28th

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings in my life. I am grateful for your love, grace and the people who surround me.

Monday 29th

Lord, forgive my shortcomings and help me to forgive others. Let your love and grace flow through me in all my interactions.

Tuesday 30th

Faithful God, we trust in your promise that the darkness so often contains treasures.

Wednesday 31st

Lord, grant me the patience and trust to wait upon Your perfect timing. I may not understand Your plan, but I know it is filled with hope and a future. Help me to rest in the assurance that Your ways are higher than my ways.

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Let me hear your loving kindness in the morning; for I trust in you. Teach me the way in which I should walk; for to you, I lift up my soul. *Psalm* 143:8

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