

## **Week 45 Daily Devotional**

### **I. Prayer to enter the Lord's presence:**

Be still for a moment. "Lord, I give the day that is now past to you. It is yours. I give the day that is to come to you; help me to see where you are working and to join you there. Speak to me during these moments. I commit them and myself to you."

### **II. Prayer of Confession:**

"Lord, you are faithful to forgive me and cleanse me of my sin when I confess it to you. I confess my sin(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ . Thank you for forgiveness." (1 John 1:9)

### **III. Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Choose to be thankful, speak out loud of what God has done.

"Thank you, Father, for \_\_\_\_\_. Fill my heart and my mouth with gratitude throughout this day."

### **IV. Scripture Reflection**

## Day 1

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**Reflect/Respond**

This week's devotions will be different than others we have done this year. We will read Romans chapter 8 in its entirety each day in order to express gratitude to God for the gospel. This chapter is "dense" with important truths. It will take effort and concentration to mine the treasures in this chapter.

Look back over the chapter and find reasons to be grateful. Give thanks to God for those things.

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**V. Prayer for others:**

*Pray specifically for the concerns of your life and the lives of others.*

**VI. Prayer of commitment:**

*"Lord God, I commit to love you with all my heart and with all my soul and with all my strength and with all my mind and to love my neighbor as myself. Empower me today to love you and others with everything that I am." (Luke 10:27)*

**This Month's Scripture Memory:**

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.