



2024

# *Social Work*

**MONTH DEVOTIONAL**

"The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped."

Proverbs 11:25



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## Forward

This first e-devotional book by NACSW includes Bible verses that reflect themes of love, compassion, faith, justice, mercy and care for the vulnerable, which are central values for all Christians in social work. Our prayer is that you will use these verses to reflect upon our Christian faith and calling to serve others as representatives of Christ.

Peace and blessings



## Seeking Him: Inspired by Proverbs 8 (KJV) and Hebrews 6 (KJV)

I will seek you at the dawn of each day. For I need to know what You have to say concerning the mysteries of Your heart.

You promised to lavishly reward me with wisdom and guidance when I diligently seek you with all my heart, but You gift me with so much more: You.

From time-to-time self-reliance and impatience threatens to come between my dependence on you.

Please put to rest my anxious thoughts when uncertainty crosses my path for you know what is best for me.

I will seek You at the dawn of each day that I may hide your word in my heart to learn Your ways.

My promise from You is that I will be transformed but, You gift me with so much more, the Holy Spirit.

From time to time my thirsty soul wanders from the well of water that never runs dry and when I have strayed too far You gently tug on my heart, guiding it back to You.

My earnest plea is that you purify my heart ensuring it will always delight in Your ways.



## DAY 1

"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing." - Deuteronomy 10:18



## DAY 2

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." - Proverbs 31:8



## DAY 3

"The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern." -  
Proverbs 29:7



## DAY 4

"Blessed are those who  
hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they will  
be filled." - Matthew 5:6



## DAY 5

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act." - Proverbs 3:27





## DAY 6

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." -

James 1:27



## DAY 7

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." -

Psalm 82:3



## DAY 8

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free." - Luke 4:18



## DAY 9

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." - Proverbs 19:17



## DAY 10

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." -  
Philippians 2:3



## DAY 11

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." -

Psalm 82:3



## DAY 12

"This is what the Lord Almighty said: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.'" - Zechariah 7:9



## DAY 13

"The Lord is a refuge for  
the oppressed, a  
stronghold in times of  
trouble." - Psalm 9:9





## DAY 14

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" - 1 John 3:17



DAY 15

"Defend the rights of the  
poor and needy." -  
Proverbs 31:9



## DAY 16

"Open your mouth for  
the mute, for the rights  
of all who are destitute."

- Proverbs 31:8



## DAY 17

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." -  
Galatians 6:9



## DAY 18

"Bear one another's burdens,  
and so fulfill the law of  
Christ." - Galatians 6:2



## DAY 19

"The Lord works  
righteousness and justice  
for all who are oppressed."  
- Psalm 103:6



## DAY 20

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart." - Proverbs 3:3



## DAY 21

"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you." -

James 1:27





## DAY 22

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" - 1 John

3:17



## DAY 23

"Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause." -

Isaiah 1:17



## DAY 24

"If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?" - James 2:15-16



## DAY 25

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." -

Matthew 25:35



## DAY 26

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." - Proverbs 19:17



## DAY 27

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." -  
Hebrews 13:16



## DAY 28

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act." - Proverbs 3:27



## DAY 29

"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday." - Isaiah 58:10





## DAY 30

"And Jesus answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.'" - Luke 3:11



## DAY 31

"Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." - Psalm 23:6



## REFLECTIONS

This reflection section is introduced by a poem entitled “I’m Listening” by Ms. Letisha Banks who serves as our 2023-2024 BSW Student Intern.

This section is included to provide you with the space to pen your reflections of your time with God and the Bible readings.



# POEM BY

Letisha Banks, 2023-2024 NACSW BSW Intern

I'm listening

I'm listening

I'm listening

All the barriers between You and I have  
been removed out of the way.  
You have my undivided attention.

I'm listening

I'm listening

I'm listening

Changing seasons, painful endings, new  
beginnings, and everything else between  
are screaming.

Lean into Me, and give Me the ear of Your heart.  
I have so much to reveal to you.

My resistance to the shifting seasons is  
mainly because I am stepping out into the  
unknown, and I must leave behind all the  
comforts I have grown accustomed to.

Lord, I believe but help my unbelief.

Inspired by Mark 9:23-24 KJV

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# REFLECTIONS

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The background is a top-down view of a desk. On the left, a person's hands are typing on a silver laptop. To the right, there is a bouquet of pink peonies. Below the flowers, a spiral notebook is open, showing a calendar page for 2016. In the bottom right, there is a clear plastic container with the word "Reflections" written in cursive, a blue pen, and a black circular object. A white paper bag with a QR code and the word "Taco" is also visible.

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We hope that you were blessed by the verses and poems included in this e-devotional. Please contact NACSW at [info@NACSW.org](mailto:info@NACSW.org) for additional spiritual, academic and personal development materials that help integrate faith in practice.

"May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance." -  
2 Thessalonians 3:5

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