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PSALM 33:12-19

GOD BLESS OUR LAND

This beautiful Psalm was written by King David. He must have witnessed during his time, the difference between the nations who worshipped the true God and the nations that worshipped the false gods. He must have seen how God's mighty hands protected the nations that depended on Him.

King David must have learned that in order to survive, he should not depend on his great army, horses or his own strength. Likewise, we are not saved by our own strength or kindness. We are protected and saved by God. He watched over us from heaven to protect and take care of us.

You are not too young to start praying for your nation. Pray for the land where you are staying. Pray for the city where you are living. Pray for the place where you are studying. Pray so that revival can take place there. Pray that the people and the government always turn their heart to God. May our land always be blessed, protected and prosperous.

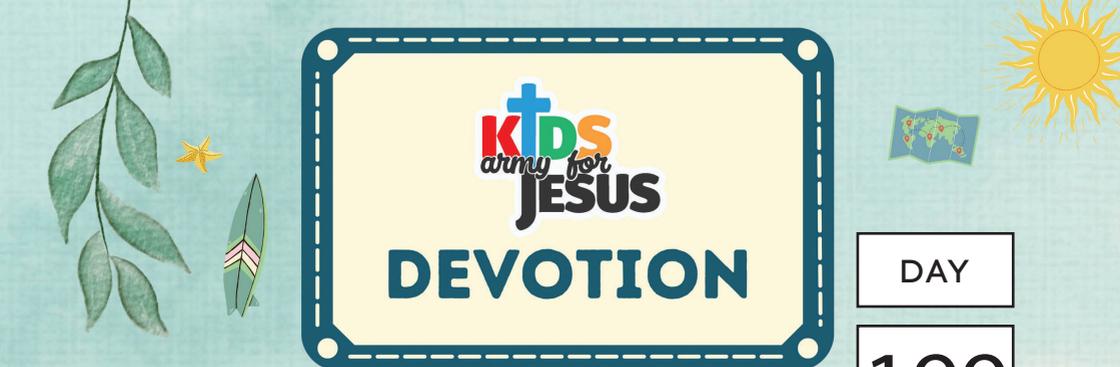
Key verse:

*Psalm 33:12a
Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord.*

Prayer

Dear God, I pray for my land _____ . You are the way, the truth and the life. May Your face shine on my land. Amen.





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PSALM 34:11-14

HEY, LISTEN!



King David wrote and reminded the children to come and listen to him as he wanted to share about the ways of living according to God's way.

When a teacher tells the children in the classroom: "Hey, be quiet and listen to me", it means all the students need to be quiet and have their eyes fixed on him before he can start teaching. When the students are quiet and attentive to the teacher, then they can understand and comprehend the teaching.

This is what God wants from you and me. We have to stop talking, take a moment off from your busy-ness and to be quiet before He can start talking to you. Only by this way you can start listening to Him and obeying His Words. We need to listen to God and be ready to obey Him.

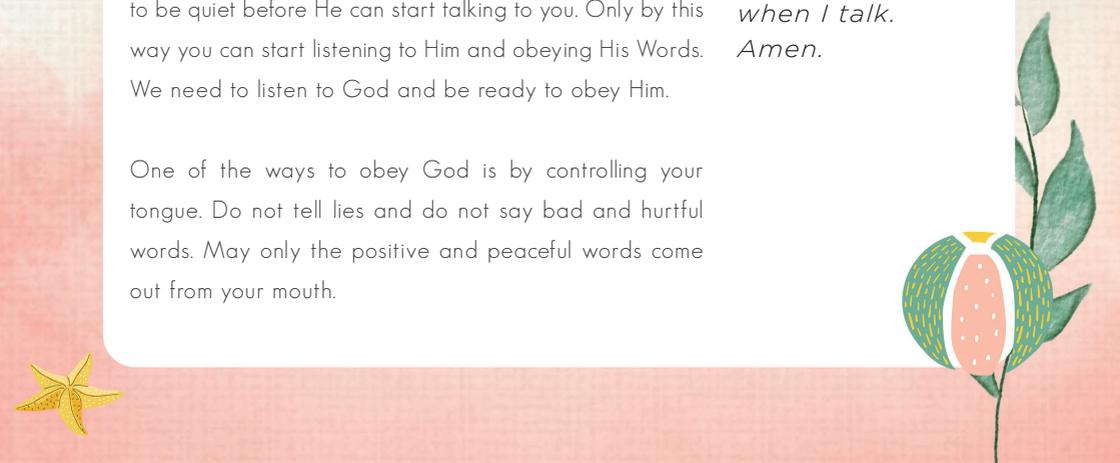
One of the ways to obey God is by controlling your tongue. Do not tell lies and do not say bad and hurtful words. May only the positive and peaceful words come out from your mouth.

Key verse:

*Psalm 34:12
You must not say
evil things. You
must not tell lies.*

Prayer

*Dear God, my
eyes are fixed
on You and my
ears listen to
You. Help me to
always choose
the right and
peaceful words
when I talk.
Amen.*





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PSALM 37:23-26

FALL BUT NOT CAST DOWN

Imagine this. One fine evening, you and your parents were having an evening stroll near your house. In the midst of walking, you did not see a small stone in front of you and somehow you stumbled and fell. Your parents saw it and they immediately helped you get up on your feet and held you with their hands so that you could continue walking.

In the same way, God always upholds you with His mighty hand. No matter what happens, you are safe. You may stumble or have a fall because of the problems or challenges you are facing but God's hand upholds yours tightly so that you will not be utterly cast down in the midst of your situation. He will sustain you so that you may regain your balance and strength and continue walking.

Every step in your life is designed and directed by God. He is in charge of the details of your life. Even when you feel like you are falling, please bear this in mind, God never leaves you. So, rise up and walk with God!

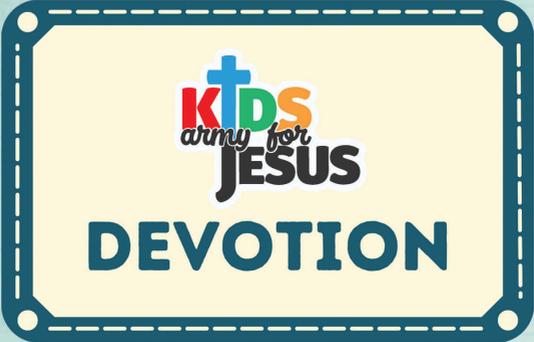
Key verse:

*Psalm 37:24
Though he fall,
he shall not
be utterly cast
down.*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank
You for Your
mighty hands
that upholds me
always. Amen.*





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PSALM 40:1-5

WAITING GAME WITH GOD



Before meeting the doctor in the clinic, you have to wait in the waiting room till your number or name is called to see the doctor. If you are not patient and then you make a decision to leave the meeting room and clinic, you will not get the proper treatment and the right medicine thus your sickness will get worse. You miss out the chance to recover and be healthy again which will make you regret.

Waiting patiently means staying calm until the particular event happens. Waiting games might be boring but God's timing is always the best.

While you are waiting faithfully on God, your hope will grow. When you have hope, it is easy for your heart to make beautiful praise and worship for God. It is more meaningful to wait patiently for God and be blessed with His answer rather than using your own strength to find the answer which will lead to regret.

Key verse:

*Psalm 40:1a
I waited
patiently for the
Lord.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I am
waiting patiently
for Your answer
so that I can
experience the
goodness of
Your blessings
in my life. Thank
You for the hope
I have in You.
Amen*





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PSALM 42:1-4

LIKE THE DEER PANTS FOR WATER

Water is very important to the human's body. When you are thirsty and tired, the first thing that comes to your mind is water. It is because water will refresh your body.

King David wrote "As the deer pants for streams of water". He might be imagining a deer in the desert, a dry place with no water. It longs for water to quench its thirst.

Just like how water is so important to your physical body, the living God is equally important to your soul. King David wrote that he was thirsty for God and he wanted more of God as much as how we really want to have a sip of water when we're tired and thirsty. It reminds us that God refreshes us and restores us when we spend time with Him, just like water refreshes and restores us when we are hot and thirsty.

Do not replace your thirst for God with other things, like sports, movies, social media or foods. They are all temporary and they will not quench the thirst of your soul. Only God can quench the thirst of your soul.

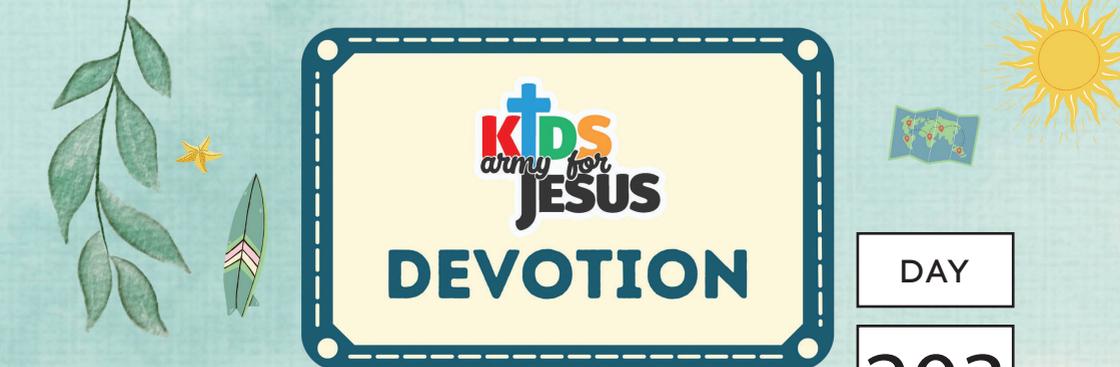
Key verse:

*Psalm 42:2a
I thirst for the
living God.*

Prayer

*Dear God, You
are the living
water that
refreshes my
soul. Guide me
to learn more
of Your words.
Amen.*





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PSALM 46

BE STILL



There is so much noise around us. The noise of people talking, train moving, cars honking, airplanes flying overhead, loud music, kids screaming, birds chirping and so on. If you are talking with someone over the phone, you will have to find a quiet spot to minimise the noise. This way, you and the other person will be able to communicate better.

Be still means be calm, quiet and stop moving. When you can 'be still', you will be able to think clearly and positively. Too much noise can cause you to feel anxious and jumpy and it will also be very difficult for you to recognise God's voice when He speaks to you.

We learn more by listening than by talking. It is good that you find a quiet place where you can be still and be free from the noises of the world. This quiet place can be in the corner of your room, study room, prayer tower of your Church or even the library. Let's make time to be alone with God.

Key verse:

*Psalm 46:10a
He says, "Be still, and know that I am God.."*

Prayer

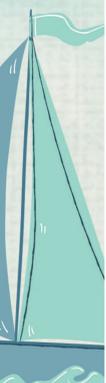
Dear God, help me to turn off the noise in my life so I can be still and listen to Your voice. Amen.





PSALM 48:9-14

GOD IS MY GUIDE



A guide is someone who leads, directs and shows the right way. For example, a climber wishes to climb up Mount Everest. No matter how professional he is in climbing, he would need to hire a professional guide who is familiar with Mt. Everest to show the correct path and to warn him of any danger.

In life, we need a guide to know what decision to choose or which to avoid. Thankfully, you and I have a God who does not only tell us what to do but also guides us and walks alongside us every moment of every day. You can find no better guide than God.

God knows the danger that you have to avoid. He knows the difficulty you will face in every path. He has provided everything that you need to fight the battle of faith, till the victory becomes yours.

God can guide you in many other ways. Make God be the centre of your life, and His Word will direct your path.

Key verse:

*Psalm 48:14
This God is our
God forever
and ever. He
will guide us
from now on.*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank
You that You
are with me
through every
circumstance
of life and have
promised to be
with me and
be my guide
forever. Amen.*

