

# LORD



## How to Use This Daily Reflection:

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Each day we will very simply pray (P.R.A.Y.) ‘P’: PAUSING to be still. ‘R’: REJOICING with a Psalm and REFLECTING on a Scripture. ‘A’: ASKING God to help us. ‘Y’: YEILDING to His will in our lives, come what may. Allow this rhythm to deepen your awareness of God’s presence and guide you to live out His mission in your daily life.

Pause

Rejoice/Reflect

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## Week 04: Calling on the Lord in Repentance

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### Monday: Return to Me (Joel 2:12–13)

**Pause:** Take a deep breath and quiet your spirit. Let your heart open to the God who calls you back with compassion.

**Rejoice:** Today I praise the God who is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love, as Psalm 103:8 declares

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The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy. — Psalm 103:8

**Reflect:** Repentance begins with hearing the invitation to return. God doesn’t wait for us to fix ourselves —He calls us to come home. In Joel’s time, Israel’s repentance wasn’t meant to be an act of despair but an act of hope, trusting that God’s mercy was greater than their sin.



“‘Yet even now,’ declares the Lord, ‘Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping, and mourning; and tear your heart and not merely your garments.’ Now return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in mercy, and relenting of catastrophe.” — Joel 2:12–13

**Ask for me:** Lord, turn my heart fully toward You. Help me to stop running from conviction and to find rest in Your compassion.

**Ask for my community:** God, draw our church back to You. May we be known not for our perfection but for our humility and trust in Your mercy.

**Reflect:** As I reread this passage, I hear not a threat but a tender plea. God desires our hearts more than our performance. Returning to Him is not about fear—it’s about love.



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**Yield:** I return to You, Lord, with all my heart.

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## Tuesday: The Mercy That Restores (Joel 2:17–18)

**Pause:** Quiet yourself before the Lord. Remember that His mercy always runs deeper than your failure.

**Rejoice:** Today I rejoice in the God who restores the brokenhearted and renews what is lost, echoing Psalm 147:3



“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” — Psalm 147:3

**Reflect:** When repentance becomes a community’s cry, restoration follows. In Joel’s prophecy, even the priests—the spiritual leaders—bowed in humility, crying for God’s mercy on behalf of the people. God responded not with anger but with compassion and renewal.



“Let the priests, the Lord’s ministers, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, ‘Spare Your people, Lord, and do not make Your inheritance a disgrace.’ Then the Lord will be zealous for His land, and will have compassion for His people.” — Joel 2:17–18

**Ask for me:** Lord, help me to weep with sincerity over what is broken in me. Let repentance soften, not harden, my heart.

**Ask for my community:** Father, move through our city and church with compassion. Heal divisions, restore joy, and pour out Your Spirit on all who seek Your mercy.

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**Yield:** Lord, use my repentance as a seed of restoration for those around me.

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## Wednesday: The Prayer God Hears (Luke 18:13–14)

**Pause:** Breathe deeply and remember that God is near to all who call on Him in truth.

**Rejoice:** Today I rejoice in the God who listens to the humble, echoing Psalm 34:18



“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” — Psalm 34:18

**Reflect:** Jesus’ parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector teaches us that true repentance begins with humility. God hears the cry that comes from a contrite heart more than the words of self-righteousness.



“But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to raise his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” — Luke 18:13–14

**Ask for me:** God, give me the courage to come before You honestly. Strip away my pride and teach me to pray with the humility of the tax collector.

**Ask for my community:** Lord, form us into a people who confess freely and forgive readily. Let our community reflect the humility that invites Your grace.

**Reflect:** As I reread these words, I see that repentance isn’t about earning favor—it’s about receiving it. God lifts up the lowly and fills the empty.



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**Yield:** Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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## Thursday: Renewal After Repentance (Joel 2:18–19)

**Pause:** Let gratitude rise in your heart for the God who not only forgives but restores.

**Rejoice:** Today I give thanks to the Lord who redeems and rebuilds, echoing Psalm 130:7



“Israel, wait for the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.” — Psalm 130:7

**Reflect:** God’s forgiveness always brings renewal. After the people repented, God promised to restore their land and bless them again. Repentance does not end in ashes—it ends in abundance.



“Then the Lord will be zealous for His land, and will have compassion for His people. The Lord will answer and say to His people, ‘Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied in full with them; and I will never again make you a disgrace among the nations.’” — Joel 2:18–19

**Ask for me:** Lord, thank You for Your mercy that rebuilds what I’ve broken. Renew my heart and let Your joy take root in me again.

**Ask for my community:** Father, bring renewal to our homes, our church, and our city. Let Your restoration flow into every weary heart and dry place.

**Reflect:** As I reread this passage, I see that repentance opens the door for blessing. The same God who disciplines also restores with compassion and joy.



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**Yield:** I open my life to Your renewal, Lord. Let Your mercy make all things new.

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## Friday: The Spirit Poured Out (Joel 2:28, 32)

**Pause:** Take a deep breath. Let gratitude and hope fill you as you remember that repentance prepares the way for revival.

**Rejoice:** Today I rejoice in the God who promises new life through His Spirit, echoing Isaiah 44:3



“For I will pour out water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants.” — Isaiah 44:3

**Reflect:** God’s call to repentance is never just about sorrow—it’s about renewal and transformation. When hearts turn back to Him, He responds with His Spirit, bringing life and vision where there was once despair.



“It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will have dreams, your young men will see visions. And it will come about that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” — Joel 2:28, 32

**Ask for me:** Lord, pour out Your Spirit in my heart. Let repentance become the soil where new life grows.

**Ask for my community:** Spirit of God, move among us. Bring awakening to our congregation, healing to our land, and hope to our neighbors.

**Reflect:** As I reread, I see that repentance and revival are deeply connected. God’s mercy doesn’t just pardon—it empowers. His Spirit renews what sin had withered.



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**Yield:** Spirit of God, fill me again. Let my repentance become the beginning of Your renewal in me and through me.