

7-Day Devotion: Embracing Inclusion in Christ

Day 1: God's Love Includes Everyone

Scripture: *John 3:16 (NIV)*

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Reflection:

God's love knows no boundaries—He sent Jesus for the whole world. Inclusion begins by recognizing that every person is someone Christ died for. There is no one beyond God's reach or love.

Prayer:

Lord, help me to see others through Your inclusive love. Remove any prejudice in my heart and replace it with compassion.

Day 2: Created in His Image

Scripture: *Genesis 1:27 (NIV)*

“So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

Reflection:

Every human bears God's image. Race, gender, ability, background—none of these diminish our shared identity in Him. Inclusion honors the divine imprint on every soul.

Prayer:

God, let me honor Your image in everyone I meet. Teach me to value each person as You do.

Day 3: Breaking Down Barriers

Scripture: *Ephesians 2:14 (NIV)*

“For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.”

Reflection:

Jesus came to tear down walls—cultural, racial, social, and religious. True inclusion means actively removing what separates us from one another.

Prayer:

Jesus, tear down the walls in my heart and in my community. Let peace and unity reign in place of division.

Day 4: Welcoming the Stranger

Scripture: *Leviticus 19:34 (NIV)*

“The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt.”

Reflection:

Inclusion involves empathy and welcome. God commands His people to remember their own stories and extend grace to others, especially outsiders or newcomers.

Prayer:

Father, give me eyes to see those on the margins and the courage to welcome them with love and dignity.

Day 5: No Favoritism in Christ

Scripture: *James 2:1 (NIV)*

“My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.”

Reflection:

God does not show favoritism, and neither should we. Inclusion rejects favoritism, cliques, or exclusion based on appearance, wealth, or status.

Prayer:

Lord, cleanse me of bias. May I treat all people with equal love, respect, and fairness.

Day 6: Unity in Diversity

Scripture: *1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NIV)*

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts forms one body, so it is with Christ.”

Reflection:

Inclusion doesn't erase differences—it celebrates them. The body of Christ is made up of diverse members, each with unique roles and gifts. We are stronger together.

Prayer:

Jesus, help me to value the differences in others. May our diversity strengthen our unity in You.

Day 7: The Church for All Nations

Scripture: *Revelation 7:9 (NIV)*

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne...”

Reflection:

Heaven is the ultimate vision of inclusion—every tribe, nation, and tongue worshiping God together. Our churches should reflect this heavenly reality now.

Prayer:

God, give us a glimpse of heaven in our communities. May our love and inclusion mirror Your eternal kingdom.