

Guideposts Daily Planner 2024



Dear Valued Customer,

If you have purchased prior editions of the *Guideposts Daily Planner*, you will notice a change in format from hardcover to softcover with an open spiral binding. The pandemic presented so many challenges to nonprofits like Guideposts, including supply chain issues and exorbitant increases in the cost of materials. These challenges forced us to think creatively about how we could continue publishing the *Guideposts Daily Planner*. As a result, we had to make the difficult decision to change the cover and binding. Please know that the interior of the Planner has not changed. It still has monthly and daily calendar pages filled with devotions, scripture, and prayers, and it is still the one spot to keep your prayer life and personal life on the same page. We hope you continue to be inspired by the *Guideposts Daily Planner*. Thank you for being part of the Guideposts family.

—The Guideposts Team

Praise the LORD from the earth . . . fire and hail, snow and frost. . . . –PSALM 148:7-8 (RSV)



A PRAYER FOR JANUARY

- May the Lord make my New Year a happy one . . .
- Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes.
- Not by making my path easy, but by making me sturdy enough to tread any path.
- Not by taking hardship from me, but by taking all cowardice and fear from my heart as I meet hardships.
- Not by granting me unbroken sunshine, but by keeping my face bright even in the shadows.

God, make my year a happy one.

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CALLED TO PEACE The First Snow

As I stepped outside the house to get the cows up to the barn for milking, the ground was just turning white from the first snow of the year. I pulled my collar up around my neck and buried my hands in my pockets.

There is something mystical and peaceful about the first snow of the year. It's almost as if God is tucking the earth into bed after a long summer season. The cows were lying in what not so long ago was their summer pasture and source of nourishment. Now they, as well as the pasture, were covered with snow. As the cows started to the barn, their breath steaming in front of them, I felt a peace come over me as pure as the blanket of white covering the earth.

Farming isn't easy, and at times the stress seems overwhelming. But for me, in this one brief moment, standing in a winter wonderland, I felt a tender closeness to God, a feeling of being purged of all duress. I breathed deeply, filling my lungs with cold, fresh air. It felt good to be alive.

I walked into the barn and turned the radio on. The evening news was just starting its broadcast and I was back to reality. But for a few brief moments I had been alone with God. What a cleansing feeling it had been.

—John Coen

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5	6 EPIPHANY
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OUR PRAYER

Dear Father, every day this year I want to seek Your plan. Help me to find it.

DEC 2023 31 SUNDAY NEW YEAR'S EVE	Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. —Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)
JANUARY 1 MONDAY NEW YEAR'S DAY	l am sure that God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace —Philippians 1:6 (TLB)
2 Tuesday	Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. —Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

IN NEW YORK CITY, where I live, I consider myself one of the fortunate ones because I have a room with a view. From my seventh-floor apartment, I can look over the neighboring rooftops for several city blocks. Above these rooftops there's an enormous expanse of sky. The sky is what I see upon awakening each morning, sometimes cloudy, sometimes bright. It's a good beginning for my morning quiet time, and unless the weather is really blustery, I open my window wide, breathe in deeply, and quietly ask, "Lord, what is Your plan for me today?"

Sometimes an answer comes immediately—a simple suggestion to call a certain friend for lunch, or the hint of a solution to some problem that's bothering me. Other times God just seems to say, "Be still." So by sitting down quietly with my Bible and notebook, I try to relax and empty my mind as completely as possible and wait for Him to speak to me.

3	For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace
WEDNESDAY	—Jeremiah 29:11 (кју)
4 THURSDAY	Be still, and know that I am God —Psalm 46:10 (кյv)
5	And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.
FRIDAY	—Luke 2:52 (אוא)
6 SATURDAY EPIPHANY	You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. —Psalm 18:28–29 (NIV)

Now and in the months that follow, won't you join me? Whatever view lies outside of your window, you can still open the window of your soul. Every day, ask God expectantly to show you His plan for your life. I promise you, He will.

—Eleanor Sass

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