

5 Day Devotional
September 20, 2026 AM Sermon
Pastor Tony Munoz

Day 1: The Urgency of a Disciplined Prayer Life

Reading: 1 Peter 4-7

Devotional: We live in an age of distraction, and the discipline of prayer is often the first casualty of a busy schedule. Yet Peter's warning is not merely a suggestion — it is a command rooted in urgency. The end of all things is near. That nearness is not meant to produce panic but to produce intentionality. A soldier on watch does not drift to sleep. A parent whose child is in danger does not delay. In the same way, the believer who understands the times will not treat prayer as optional. Self-control and sober-mindedness are not personality traits — they are spiritual postures that must be cultivated daily through surrender to God.

Application: Set aside fifteen minutes today with no phone, no background noise, and no agenda other than honest conversation with God.

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Day 2: Love That Covers and Restores

Reading: 1 Peter 4:8

Devotional: Fervent love is not the love of convenience or sentiment. It is the love that remains when it is costly, when forgiveness is undeserved, and when the other person has wandered far from the truth. James 5:19-20 reinforces this by reminding us that the one who brings a wandering sinner back to the truth covers a multitude of sins. This is not a love that excuses wrongdoing — it is a love that refuses to abandon the person caught in it. Christ demonstrated this kind of love perfectly. He forgave while still bleeding. He restored while still carrying the weight of our failure. We are called to reflect that same love toward one another.

Application: Write the name of someone you have struggled to love. Pray specifically for them today, knowing that Christ calls us to love one another.

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Day 3: Hospitality Without a Complaining Heart

Reading: 1 Peter 4:9

Devotional: Hospitality is more than an open door — it is an open heart. Peter's instruction is striking not only because he commands generosity toward others but because he specifically forbids grumbling while doing it. A gift given with resentment is not truly a gift. It is a transaction. True hospitality flows from a genuine belief that the person in front of you bears the image of God and deserves to be treated accordingly. Hebrews 13:2 reminds us that some have even entertained angels without knowing it. When we welcome others without complaint, we align our hearts with the character of God, who welcomes sinners to His table through the sacrifice of His Son.

Application: Identify one practical act of hospitality you can offer this week — a meal, a phone call, an invitation, a listening ear — and commit to doing it without expecting anything in return and without complaining about the inconvenience.

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Day 4: Faithful Stewardship of the Gift God Gave You

Reading: 1 Peter 4:10

Devotional: Every believer has received at least one gift from God. This is not a theological abstraction — it is a personal reality addressed to each individual. Peter uses singular language here deliberately. God's grace is described here as varied, meaning it takes a different shape in each person's life, perfectly suited to the role God has designed for that person within the body. The parable of the talents in Matthew 25 warns us against burying what God has entrusted to us out of fear or laziness. Stewardship is not about talent or confidence — it is about faithfulness to what has already been given.

Application: Spend time in prayer this week reflecting on what your gift may be. Then, take a practical step toward using it in service.

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Day 5: Everything for the Glory of God

Reading: 1 Peter 4:11

Devotional: Peter brings this entire passage to a single, clarifying point: everything we do as the church — our prayers, our love, our hospitality, our service — must ultimately point to the glory of God through Jesus Christ. When we speak, we speak as those entrusted with the very words of God, which means we speak with both humility and weight. When we serve, we serve from strength that God supplies, which means we do not serve from pride or self-sufficiency. The goal is never to make ourselves look capable. The goal is always to make God look glorious. As Jesus said in Matthew 5:16, let your light shine before others so that they see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Application: At the end of each day this week, ask yourself one question before you sleep: Did anything I said or did today cause someone to give glory to God? Let that question reshape how you approach tomorrow.