

Mosaic September Devotion Calendar Guide

Monday, September 1	<p>Today is the first day of Ramadan, a date that changes every year because of the calendar used. For more than 1 billion Muslims around the world, including 8 million in the United States – Ramadan is a “month of blessing” marked by prayer, fasting and charity. For Americans, today is also Labor Day, a day of rest, recognizing all those who work.</p>
Tuesday, September 2	<p>1 Samuel 16:7 – But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” Discussion point: When you look at people what do you see? Do you make decisions about what a person is like because of how they look, or how big/small they are? What would be a better way of knowing a person? Prayer: Heavenly Father, I know that I often judge others by what they do, while I judge myself by what my intentions are. Help me not to judge others. Amen</p>
Wednesday, September 3	<p>1 John 1:5 – This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. Discussion point: The point I see in this verse is that “we heard from Jesus”, these are the words of people who actually knew Jesus! Sometimes we don’t think about that. How does that make you feel? Prayer: Lord, your presence surrounds me. It is with great joy that I hear from those who lived with you. Amen</p>
Thursday, September 4	<p>1 Corinthians 14:33 – For God is not a God of disorder but of peace, as in all the meetings of God’s holy people. Discussion point: A God of peace. Our meetings should be peaceful? How can we help bring peace when we are in groups. Prayer: Dear Lord, guide me to be a peacemaker and a person of order. Amen</p>
Friday, September 5	<p>John 4:13 – Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again.” Discussion point: Jesus is talking about the water we have in our world. When we drink, we always get thirsty again. He promises the ‘water of life’ to those who put their faith in him, and says that we will never be thirsty with his ‘water of life’. Prayer: Fill me, O Lord, with your living water, so that I will be empty no longer. Amen</p>
Saturday, September 6	<p>Deuteronomy 31:8 – Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you. Discussion point: Everyone else could leave you and I, couldn’t they? Our Lord will never leave us. He is only a word away. Prayer: Lord, hear me when I cry and when I laugh with joy. You are my Lord and I love you. Amen</p>
Sunday, September 7	<p>Today is Grandparent’s Day. The impetus for a National Grandparents Day originated with Marian McQuade, a housewife in Fayette County, West Virginia. Her primary motivation was to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. President Jimmy Carter in 1978, proclaimed that National Grandparents Day would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day.. What can you do for someone who is elderly, today? Prayer: Heavenly Father, you give life, and all people have valuable things to share. Help me to share my experiences with another, and help me to look to those older than I for wisdom. Amen</p>
Monday, September 8	<p>Psalms 51:7 – Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Discussion point: How are you cleaned from your sins? Yes, by the death of Jesus on the cross. You need do nothing but recognize that you are sinful and ask the Lord to forgive. Prayer: Forgive me, O Lord, for my sins. Jesus Christ, has died for my sins, and because of that I am forgiven. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.</p>

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Tuesday, September 9	<p>Ecclesiastes 7:4 – A wise person thinks a lot about death, while a fool thinks only about having a good time. Discussion point: Why would a wise person think about death? Because a wise person who believes in God will never die, but find eternal life? Why do you think? Prayer: Lord, I pray that I might live forever, instead of living for the moment. Amen</p>
Wednesday, September 10	<p>Titus 2:14 – He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds. Discussion point: If you are free of sin – are you committed to doing good deeds? Why would one of God’s people want to do good deeds? Prayer: I know you , O Lord. Because of your grace, I want to be used by you to help others. Fill me with your holy spirit, Lord. Amen</p>
Thursday, September 11	<p>Psalms 119:77 – Surround me with your tender mercies so I may live, for your instructions are my delight. Discussion point: Has God shown you mercy? I have sure seen them. When I should have been punished for my sin, He has forgiven me and let me live. Prayer: I delight in your word, O Lord. Even when I fail to follow your instructions, I love knowing you, and I ask you to forgive me. Amen</p>
Friday, September 12	<p>John 10:9 – Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. Discussion point: Knowing Jesus gives you much freedom, doesn’t it? Prayer: Lord, thank you for saving me and giving me your freedom. Amen</p>
Saturday, September 13	<p>John 15:1-2 – I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. Discussion point: Do you have any pruning that needs to be done in your life? Any branches that should be removed so that you might live a life more pure for Christ? Prayer: Father God, show me where I need to change my life so I might glorify you more. Amen</p>
Sunday, September 14	<p>We are in mid-September now, and we know that the warm weather is almost behind us. Why not go on a picnic and enjoy the weather while we can? Who might you invite? What is your favorite food to take? Blanket or table to sit on? Aren’t picnic’s fun? Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the abundance that is always around us, and we thank you for the opportunity to fellowship with family and friends. Amen</p>
Monday, September 15	<p>John 14:6 – Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.” Discussion point: Do you know about Jesus? Do you want to know more? If you do, talk with someone who can help you get in touch with the right people. Prayer: It is a joy, knowing you, O Lord. Thank you for surrounding me with those who know you. Amen</p>
Tuesday, September 16	<p>John 10:11 – I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. Discussion point: Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He is our shepherd. He will take care of us. It is a promise. What is a promise? How can you know it is true? Prayer: Lord, thank you for letting me be one of your flock. Thank you for guiding me to safe pastures and for caring for me. Amen</p>
Wednesday, September 17	<p>Today is Citizenship Day/Constitution Day. This day observes the anniversary of the Constitution being completed and signed and approved in 1787. It is also a day that has been set aside to recognize the people who have become citizens during the past year. Do you know how many people become new citizens each year? I think your daily news will have something on about it. Tune in tonight. Prayer: Lord, today we recognize people who have become citizens of America. We also celebrate those who have become a part of your kingdom, as well. Amen</p>

Thursday, September 18	<p>Proverbs 29:23 – Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor. Discussion point: Are you proud? Does it get you into trouble sometimes? Do you know people who are humble? How are they different? Are you sometimes humble, and sometimes proud? Prayer: Lord, forgive me for my prideful moments. Fill me with humility. Amen</p>
Friday, September 19	<p>Psalm 116:1-2 – I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy. Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath! Discussion point: To have someone always listen to you! What a joy! That is what the psalmist says in this verse. God hears you always. He even bends down to hear. Prayer: Knowing that you are eager to hear my prayers fills me with joy, and I, too, will pray as long as I have breath. Amen</p>
Saturday, September 20	<p>Luke 6:49 – But anyone who listens and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will crumble into a heap of ruins. Discussion point: Do you listen to instructions and then do it your way? We are encouraged in many ways to live 'our' life and to do what 'we' want to do. This verse doesn't make not listening sound like a very good thing. How will you build your life on a strong foundation? Prayer: Open my eyes, Lord, that I might see your wisdom and your ways. Amen</p>
Sunday, September 21	<p>Ice Cream! Today is known for being the day the ice cream cone was born!!! The ice cream cone made its debut at the St. Louis World Fair, in 1904. Enjoy some today! Prayer: Lord, you are with us when we are sad and you are with us when we are happy! We praise you and thank you for the blessings you have given us. Amen</p>
Monday, September 22	<p>Today is the first day of Autumn! Can you believe it? The days will be getting shorter, and the leaves will start to turn. Summer is officially over, and we can look forward to the cool days of fall! Which season is your favorite? Do you live in a place that has the four seasons, or do you have longer seasons of warmth? Prayer: Lord, thank you for all the seasons. We see you in all of creation. Amen</p>
Tuesday, September 23	<p>Hebrews 2:1 – So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it Discussion point: Do you listen to the truth you hear, or do you listen and then do what you want to do. It is dangerous to drift away from the truth. What can happen? Prayer: Lord, hold me close so that I might not drift. Amen</p>
Wednesday, September 24	<p>James 1:19 – My dear brothers and sisters, be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Discussion point: Do you have a quick temper? Why do you think you are told to be slow to anger? Prayer: Lord, it is in my anger that I often find myself in sin. Help me to keep the anger I might be feeling inside so I don't sin against you. Amen</p>
Thursday, September 25	<p>John 7:38 – If you believe in me, come and drink! For the Scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow from his heart. Discussion point: Knowing Jesus as Lord should fill us with faith and hope. It is a promise of the living water. Prayer: Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the living water that fills me. Amen</p>
Friday, September 26	<p>James 1:23-24 – For if you just listen and don't obey, it is like looking at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. Discussion point: Images in mirrors are gone as quickly as the person turns away. That is what it is like if you listen, but don't obey. There is not way of knowing that you learned anything. Prayer: Lord, open my eyes so that I might see and open my mind so I might be obedient. Amen</p>
Saturday, September 27	<p>Psalm 73:24 – You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny. Discussion point: When you follow good directions, you can find your way. This verse talks about following God's counsel (guidance). Where will you find it? Prayer: Show me your ways, O Lord. Amen</p>

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**Sunday,
September 28**

Fall is here. Are the leaves turning color and falling off the trees? Why not go outside today and rake some of those leaves. Another idea might be to go for a walk where there are leaves, and see how many different colored leaves you can find. Red, yellow, brown, green – so many beautiful colors.

Prayer: Lord, we do thank you for the beauty you have painted for us in all of the seasons of our lives. Amen

**Monday,
September 29**

John 6:35 – Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Discussion point: Do you know what it is like to be filled with the word of Jesus? Do you take part in worship, or studies where you can learn more?

Prayer: Fill me with your very presence. Amen

**Tuesday,
September 30**

Today is the beginning of **Rosh Hashanah**, the beginning of the Jewish New Year and the High Holy Days. Traditions include blowing a shofar and eating apples dipped in honey. It began at sundown on Monday. It celebrates the creation of mankind. See what else you can find out about this special day in the Jewish culture.

Prayer: Lord, you are the creator of all people and all things. You are Lord of all. Amen
