

# 5-Day Devotional: The Power of Gratitude

## Day 1: Recognizing Our Need

**Scripture:** Luke 17:11-13 **Reflection:** In today's passage, we see ten men with leprosy calling out to Jesus for mercy. Their physical condition was dire, but their spiritual state was even more desperate. Often, we don't recognize our need for God until we face significant challenges. Reflect on a time when you were in great need and how it led you to seek God's help.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to recognize my need for You every day, not just in times of trouble. Open my eyes to see Your mercy and grace in my life. Amen.

**Action:** Write down one area in your life where you need God's intervention. Pray specifically for His mercy and guidance in that area.

## Day 2: Going to the Right Source

**Scripture:** Luke 17:14 **Reflection:** The lepers went to Jesus, the right source for their healing. In our lives, we often turn to the wrong sources for help and comfort. Reflect on where you turn when you face difficulties. Are you seeking Jesus first?

**Prayer:** Jesus, help me to come to You first in all my needs. Teach me to trust in Your wisdom and guidance above all else. Amen.

**Action:** Identify one "wrong source" you have been turning to for help. Make a commitment to turn to Jesus instead and seek His guidance through prayer and reading the Bible.

## Day 3: Obedience and Faith

**Scripture:** Luke 17:14 **Reflection:** The lepers obeyed Jesus' command to go show themselves to the priests, even though they didn't know what would happen. True faith involves obedience, even when the outcome is uncertain. Reflect on a time when you obeyed God without knowing the result. How did it strengthen your faith?

**Prayer:** Lord, give me the courage to obey You, even when I don't understand Your plan.

Strengthen my faith as I walk in obedience to Your Word. Amen.

**Action:** Think of one area where God is calling you to obey Him. Take a step of faith today, trusting that He will guide you.

## Day 4: The Importance of Gratitude

**Scripture:** Luke 17:15-16 **Reflection:** Only one of the ten lepers returned to thank Jesus. Gratitude is a powerful expression of our faith and recognition of God's blessings. Reflect on the blessings in your life that you may have taken for granted. How can you cultivate a heart of gratitude?

**Prayer:** Father, forgive me for the times I have taken Your blessings for granted. Help me to cultivate a heart of gratitude and to always return to give You thanks. Amen.

**Action:** Start a gratitude journal today. Write down at least three things you are thankful for and continue this practice daily.

## Day 5: Gratitude and Wholeness

**Scripture:** Luke 17:17-19 **Reflection:** Jesus said to the one leper who returned, "Your faith has made you well." While all ten were healed, only one was made whole through his gratitude. Reflect on how gratitude can lead to spiritual wholeness in your life.

**Prayer:** Lord, I want to be made whole, not just healed. Teach me to live a life of gratitude, recognizing Your hand in every blessing and every challenge. Amen.

**Action:** Identify one person who has been a blessing in your life. Reach out to them today and express your gratitude. Share how their actions have impacted you and thank them sincerely.