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## Monthly Devotional January 2026

“New Mercies for a New Year”

### SCRIPTURE READING

Lamentations 3:22–23 (ESV)

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

#### A New Year Invites Reflection:

We turn the page on the calendar and instinctively ask what lies ahead—new opportunities, lingering burdens, familiar challenges, and unknown trials. January often carries a quiet mix of hope and uncertainty. Yet Scripture reminds us that our confidence for the future does not rest in what changes, but in the God who does not.

Jeremiah wrote these words in the middle of devastation. Jerusalem had fallen. Loss, grief, and confusion surrounded God’s people. And yet, in the rubble, the prophet declares something remarkable: “The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases.” God’s faithfulness was not cancelled by hardship, nor suspended by suffering. Even in the darkest season, His mercy remained constant—and new.

As we begin 2026, this truth steadies us. God has not brought us into a new year to abandon us. His mercies meet us each morning—not because we have performed well, but because He is faithful. We may enter this year weary, hopeful, cautious, or grateful, but we do not enter it alone.

This month is an invitation to begin slowly and deliberately with the Lord. Before resolutions are made or routines are filled, Scripture calls us to trust Him fully. Proverbs reminds us to lean not on our own understanding, but to acknowledge Him in all our ways (Proverbs 3:5–6). When we do, God promises not clarity about everything, but guidance for what is necessary.

January is also a time to realign our hearts. Colossians urges believers to set their minds on things above, not merely on earthly goals or temporary concerns (Colossians 3:1–2). When eternity shapes our perspective, daily faithfulness becomes meaningful—even in ordinary moments.

At Grace Baptist Church, our prayer for this new year is simple: that we would walk together in humble dependence on the Lord. That our lives would be shaped by His Word, strengthened by His grace, and marked by steady obedience. God does not call us to predict the future—He calls us to trust Him in the present.

As this year unfolds, may we return often to this assurance: the same God who carried us through the past year will be faithful in the year ahead. His mercies will not run out. His love will not fail. And His purposes will stand.

#### Prayer:

*Faithful God, as we begin this new year, we thank You for mercies that never end. Help us to trust You with what we cannot see, to walk faithfully in what You have revealed, and to rest in Your unchanging love. Guide Grace Baptist Church in the days ahead, and let our lives bring honor to Your name. Amen.*

### January 2026 Memory Verses

#### Week 1 [Genesis 1:1](#)

(ESV) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

(KJV) In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

(NLT) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

A Prayer: Before Anything Else

Almighty God, Before anything else existed, You were there—eternal, sovereign, and complete. Before light pierced the darkness and before time itself began, You spoke, and creation obeyed. We worship You as the God who stands at the beginning of all things.

We come before You with humility and awe. You created the heavens above us and the earth beneath our feet, and You continue to sustain them by Your power. Nothing in our lives is random, and nothing in our church is outside Your care. Help us to trust You as the God who begins what we could never start and who brings to completion what You purpose.

As we step into this season together, we place our church in Your hands. Where there is uncertainty, bring order. Where there is weariness, bring strength. Where there is fear, speak peace. Just as You formed beauty out of emptiness, shape us into a people who reflect Your glory.

Remind us, Lord, that our story does not start with our plans or our resolve—it starts with You. May we live grounded in the truth that the Creator of heaven and earth is our God, and that You are faithful in every beginning.

We praise You as our Creator, trust You as our Sustainer, and rest in You as our Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

#### Week 2 [Philippians 4:13](#)

(ESV) I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

(KJV) I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

(NLT) For I can do everything through Christ,

A Prayer: Strength Beyond Ourselves

Faithful Lord, We confess that on our own we are often weak, uncertain, and easily discouraged. Yet Your Word reminds us that our strength does not come from within ourselves, but from Christ who sustains us. You do not promise that life will be easy, but You do promise that You will be enough.

As Grace Baptist Church, we look to You for the strength we need for today. Strength to remain faithful when the path is difficult. Strength to love when patience is tested. Strength to serve when we feel weary. Teach us to depend not on our abilities, but on the sufficiency of Christ.

Guard us from pride when things go well, and from despair when things are hard. Help us remember that contentment and endurance flow from trusting You in every circumstance. May our confidence rest not in what we can accomplish, but in what You are able to do through us.

Empower us, Lord, to live obediently, to walk humbly, and to glorify You in all that we face. Let our lives testify that Christ truly is our strength.

We ask this with grateful hearts, In Jesus’ name, Amen.

#### Week 3 [Psalm 119:105](#)

(ESV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

(KJV) Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

(NLT) Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

A Prayer: Guided by Your Word

Gracious God, We thank You that You have not left us to walk in darkness. In a world filled with uncertainty and competing voices, You have given us Your Word as a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. We praise You for the clarity, truth, and guidance found in the Scriptures.

We ask that You would shape our steps by Your Word. When the way forward seems unclear, teach us to pause and listen. When decisions feel heavy, remind us to trust the light You provide, even when it only shows the next step. Give us hearts that delight in Your truth and minds that submit willingly to Your instruction.

Guard us from leaning on our own understanding or chasing the wisdom of the world. Help us to walk faithfully in the light You give, confident that You guide Your people with purpose and care. May Your Word direct our worship, our witness, and our daily obedience.

Lead us, Lord, not by fear or impulse, but by the steady light of Your truth. And as we walk in the path You set before us, may our lives bring honor to Your name.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

#### Week 4 [2 Samuel 22:33](#)

(ESV) This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless.

(KJV) God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

(NLT) God is my strong fortress, and he makes my way perfect.

A Prayer: Strength from the Steadfast God

Mighty God, You are our strength and our strong refuge. Your Word declares that You equip us with strength and make our way blameless, and we confess that every step we take in faith is possible only because You go before us.

We thank You that our security does not rest in our own ability, but in Your steady power. When the path feels steep and the road uncertain, You strengthen our hearts and steady our steps. You do not merely give strength for the moment—you shape our way and guard our walk.

Teach us to rely on You fully. When we are tempted to rush ahead, remind us to trust Your leading. When we feel weak or worn, draw us back to the truth that You are the One who equips us for every calling and every challenge.

Make our way blameless, Lord—not by our perfection, but by our dependence on You. Let our lives reflect Your faithfulness, our church reflect Your strength, and our walk bring honor to Your name.

We rest in You as our source of strength and our sure foundation. In Jesus’ name, Amen.