

# Aligned: Daily Practices for Peace & Connection

AN INVITATION TO GO DEEPER WITH GOD

Hi friend,

We're excited to share *Aligned: Daily Practices*, a simple guide with morning and evening reflections designed to help you slow down and grow in awareness of God's presence throughout your day.

These practices aren't meant to be another task to complete or routine to perfect. They're an invitation to begin your day with intention, to end it with reflection, and to notice the quiet ways God is already near. Use them consistently or occasionally. Adapt them to fit your life.

Our prayer is that this guide helps you cultivate a rhythm that feels grounding, life-giving, and sustainable...one that gently shapes how you live, listen, and walk with God in everyday moments.

We're so honored to walk with you.

With gratitude,

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## AN INVITATION TO GO DEEPER WITH GOD

Life can easily pull us toward the surface - rushing, reacting, and simply getting through the day. But deep down, you know you were made for more than that. You were made for depth, for communion with God, for a life shaped not just by doing, but by being. This is your invitation to return to the deep, where transformation takes place and where the voice of God meets the soul.

For the next seven days, you're invited into a gentle yet deliberate rhythm, a sacred practice of awareness, reflection, and connection. Set aside just a few minutes each morning and evening. Come as you are. No pressure. No performance. Just you and God.

This isn't a checklist. It's a conversation. A communion. A way of anchoring your heart in the truth that God is always near. And He delights in meeting you in the everyday moments.

### EACH MORNING:



**Breath Prayer:** A short, sacred phrase grounded in Scripture. Whisper it in rhythm with your breath—inhalation and exhalation—at least three times. Let the words settle and notice what stirs in your spirit.

**Reflection Questions:** Ask God to speak as you respond honestly and wholeheartedly to three thoughtful prompts. There are no right answers, just authenticity.

**Daily Declaration:** From your time with God, choose one declaration as your truth for the day. Write it on a card or sticky note. Say it out loud. Carry it with you. Let it guide your thoughts and shape your posture. Possible Daily Declarations are provided for you, or you may write your own.

### EACH EVENING:



**Evening Anchor:** A calming Scripture to close your day. Read it slowly. Receive it. Let it wash over your weary places.

**Reflection Prompts:** These gentle questions help you process your day, your highs and lows, your growth and grace. Approach them with compassion.

**Gratitude Practice:** List three things from the day you're grateful for. No matter how big or small, gratitude reorients the heart.

**Closing Prayer:** End with one simple sentence, your honest prayer to God as the day closes. Let it be raw, true, and yours.

This is your sacred space to slow down, listen deeply, and respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit. Let this be a week marked by awareness, presence, and the beauty of becoming.

# Aligned: Daily Declarations

## UNITY

- I seek connection, not comparison.
- I build bridges, not walls.
- I honor the image of God in others.
- Peace begins with me.
- I choose to listen with empathy and love.

## PEACE

- Peace surrounds me and fills me.
- I am anchored, not anxious.
- My soul is still and secure in Him.
- I rest in the unshakeable presence of God.
- I will not carry what God has asked me to lay down.

## HOPE

- I believe that goodness is ahead, even when I can't see it yet.
- God is not done writing my story.
- I wait with expectation, not despair.
- My hope is anchored in Christ, not in circumstances.
- Hope is rising in me because God is still at work.

## SERVICE

- I serve from overflow, not obligation.
- I show up with open hands and a willing heart.
- I count it a joy to reflect Jesus through how I serve.
- I am here to be a blessing.
- Every act of service, seen or unseen, matters in the Kingdom.

## PURPOSE

- I was made for such a time as this.
- My story matters and is still being written.
- I walk in purpose, not pressure.
- God is using all of it - nothing is wasted.
- I say yes to the assignment God has given me.

## SURRENDER

- I release what is not mine to carry.
- Let it be as You will, God, not as I will.
- I lay down my striving and receive Your peace.
- I trust You with what I don't understand.
- I surrender the outcome and trust the process.

## HEALING

- Jesus is healing parts of me no one else sees.
- I welcome God's healing in body, mind, and spirit.
- I don't have to be whole to be loved; healing is a journey.
- I trust God to restore what's been broken.
- I am walking toward freedom one step at a time.

## FOCUS

- I fix my eyes on what matters most today.
- I will not be pulled in every direction - my steps are ordered.
- God's priorities will shape my plans.
- I choose presence over distraction.
- I focus not on what I can't control, but on what God has called me to do.

# Aligned: Daily Declarations

## ANXIETY

- I will not fear the future - God goes before me.
- Peace is my portion today.
- Even in uncertainty, I am held and guided.
- My heart is safe with God.
- I release what I cannot control and rest in God's care.

## GRACE

- God's grace is sufficient for today's mess.
- I release the need to be perfect and receive grace instead.
- I am forgiven, clean, and free.
- I extend the grace I've been given.
- Mercy meets me new this morning.

## WISDOM

- God directs my steps with clarity and peace.
- I don't need to have all the answers - God is already ahead of me.
- I will wait with wisdom, not rush with worry.
- Today I walk in discernment, not distraction.
- I lean not on my own understanding but trust God's timing.

## COURAGE

- I choose brave obedience over comfort.
- I am strong in the Lord and walk boldly today.
- God equips me for everything He calls me to.
- I show up with faith, not fear.
- I will not shrink back - I was made for this.

## COMPASSION

- I will lead with kindness, not criticism.
- I offer grace to others and to myself.
- Today, I will be a safe space for someone else.
- Compassion is strength - I choose it on purpose.
- I will not withhold love, even when it's inconvenient.

## GRIEF

- God meets me in my sorrow with tenderness.
- I can carry both joy and sorrow and still be whole.
- My tears are seen and held by God.
- I give myself permission to grieve with grace.
- Healing is happening, even when it feels slow.

## CONFIDENCE

- I am secure in who God says I am.
- I carry the image of God with dignity and grace.
- I don't need to prove myself - I simply show up.
- I am enough because Christ is in me.
- I walk with quiet confidence and rooted identity.

## AUTHENTICITY

- I bring my whole self - nothing hidden or fake.
- My vulnerability is not a weakness; it's a witness.
- The real me is welcome here.
- I don't have to perform - I just need to be present.

# Aligned: Day One, Morning



## BREATH PRAYER

Psalm 46:10

**INHALE:** Be still

**EXHALE:** and know.

## REFLECTION:

Looking at my day and plans ahead, how do You want me to show up?

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What distractions do I need to surrender to stay close to You?

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Who and how are You inviting me to love today?

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## DAILY DECLARATION:

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# Aligned: Day One, Evening

## EVENING ANCHOR

Psalm 4:8

In peace I will lie down and  
sleep, for You alone, Lord,  
make me dwell in safety.

## REFLECTION:

Where did I sense God's presence today?

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What surprised me about how I responded today?

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Did I receive or deflect a compliment today? Why?

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## GRATITUDE:

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## ONE LINE PRAYER:

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# Aligned: Day Two, Morning

## BREATH PRAYER

Psalm 23:1

**INHALE:** The Lord is my shepherd.

**EXHALE:** I will follow Him.

## REFLECTION:

Who do You say I am today, God?

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What courageous step are You inviting me to take today?

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How can I serve others without losing myself?

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## DAILY DECLARATION:

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# Aligned: Day Two, Evening

## EVENING ANCHOR

Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all you who are weary  
and burdened, and I will give you rest.

## REFLECTION:

What felt like a win, either big or small?

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What sacred moment did I experience today?

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What would I do differently if I could?

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## ONE LINE PRAYER:

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# Aligned: Day Three, Morning

## BREATH PRAYER

Isaiah 26:3

**INHALE:** You are my peace.

**EXHALE:** I trust in You.

## REFLECTION:

What false narratives do I need to release this morning?

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What decision do I need to bring before You today?

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Where can I extend grace instead of control?

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## DAILY DECLARATION:

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# Aligned: Day Three, Evening

## EVENING ANCHOR

Psalms 23:2-3

He makes me lie down in green  
pastures, He leads me beside quiet  
waters, He refreshes my soul.

## REFLECTION:

When did I feel most connected to God today?

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What did I learn about my strengths or my limits?

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How did I handle disappointment or unmet expectations?

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# Aligned: Day Four, Morning

## BREATH PRAYER

Lamentations 3:22-23

**INHALE:** You give new mercies

**EXHALE:** every morning.

## REFLECTION:

What would it look like to walk in Your strength instead of mine today?

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How can I stay present to Your Spirit in the ordinary moments?

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Who could benefit from my time, encouragement, or resources today?

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## DAILY DECLARATION:

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# Aligned: Day Four, Evening

## EVENING ANCHOR

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything... and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## REFLECTION:

Where did I witness beauty, creativity, or God's fingerprint?

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With whom do I need to have a follow up conversation and why?

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How did anxiety show up in me today?

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# Aligned: Day Five, Morning



## BREATH PRAYER

Galatians 2:20

**INHALE:** Not I

**EXHALE:** but Christ in me.

## REFLECTION:

God, how can I align my time today with what matters most to You?

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What would it look like to be available to You today?

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Where have I been holding back what You've given me to share?

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## DAILY DECLARATION:

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# Aligned: Day Five, Evening

## EVENING ANCHOR

Proverbs 3:24

When you lie down, you will not  
be afraid; when you lie down,  
your sleep will be sweet.

## REFLECTION:

How did God express His love for me today?

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How did I allow my true self to be seen today?

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What moment brought joy, laughter, or lightness?

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## ONE LINE PRAYER:

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# Aligned: Day Six, Morning



## BREATH PRAYER

Romans 15:13

**INHALE:** Fill me with hope

**EXHALE:** by the power of Your Spirit.

## REFLECTION:

What is one thing I need to say "no" to today so I can say "yes" to what's better?

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Who should I seek godly counsel from today?

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Show me a need today that I might otherwise overlook.

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## DAILY DECLARATION:

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# Aligned: Day Six, Evening



## EVENING ANCHOR

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God...

## REFLECTION:

What's one thing I want to remember about today?

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Where did I act in courage, even if it felt small?

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Who did I encounter today that increased my awareness of God's goodness?

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# Aligned: Day Seven, Morning

## BREATH PRAYER

Romans 15:13

**INHALE:** Fill me with hope

**EXHALE:** by the power of Your Spirit.

## REFLECTION:

What is one thing I need to say "no" to today so I can say "yes" to what's better?

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Who should I seek godly counsel from today?

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Show me a need today that I might otherwise overlook.

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## DAILY DECLARATION:

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# Aligned: Day Seven, Morning

## BREATH PRAYER

Psalm 5:3

**INHALE:** You hear me.

**EXHALE:** I bring my day to You.

## REFLECTION:

Where do I need to lead with faith instead of fear?

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Where am I spending time that may not be fruitful?

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How can I be generous with money, presence, and talent?

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## DAILY DECLARATION:

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# Aligned: Day Seven, Evening

## EVENING ANCHOR

Psalm 91:1

Whoever dwells in the shelter  
of the Most High will rest in the  
shadow of the Almighty.

## REFLECTION:

How did the Holy Spirit nudge me today and how did I respond?

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What was a gift I received from someone today?

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Did I operate more from striving or from surrender today?

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## ONE LINE PRAYER:

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