

My Black History Month Daily Devotional Meditations

By Rev. Dr. Jesse Voyd Bottoms, Jr.

Feb 1

Verse: “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?” — Psalm 27:1

Prayer: Lord, thank You for being our light in dark times and our courage in every struggle.

Feb 2

Verse: “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.” — Psalm 30:5

Prayer: God of hope, thank You for joy that rises after seasons of sorrow.

Feb 3

Verse: “The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.” — Psalm 103:6

Prayer: Righteous God, continue to defend the oppressed and lift those bowed down.

Feb 4

Verse: “If God be for us, who can be against us?” — Romans 8:31 **Prayer:** Lord, remind us that Your presence makes us more than conquerors.

Feb 5

Verse: “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.” — Galatians 5:1

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for freedom—spiritual, moral, and eternal. [Feb 6](#)

Verse: “I am black, but comely.” — Song of Solomon 1:5 **Prayer:** Creator God, thank You for the beauty and dignity You placed in every culture.12

Feb 7

Verse: “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.” — Psalm 37:23

Prayer: Order our steps, Lord, as You guided our ancestors through hardship.

Feb 8

Verse: “Let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.” — Amos 5:24

Prayer: God of justice, help us to live and work for righteousness in every generation.

Feb 9

Verse: “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness.” — Matthew 5:6

Prayer: Lord, keep us hungry for justice and faithful living.

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Feb 10

Verse: “Fear thou not; for I am with thee.” — Isaiah 41:10

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for Your steady presence through fear and uncertainty.

Feb 11

Verse: “In him we live, and move, and have our being.” — Acts 17:28

Prayer: God, remind us that our lives are sustained by You alone.13

Feb 12

Verse: “The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart.” — Psalm 34:18

Prayer: Comfort those still carrying pain from injustice and loss. Feb 13

Verse: “You are a chosen generation.” — 1 Peter 2:9

Prayer: Help us walk boldly in the identity You have given us.

Feb 14

Verse: “Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” — 1 John 4:4

Prayer: Strengthen us to overcome adversity through Your power. Feb 15

Verse: “For such a time as this.” — Esther 4:14

Prayer: Lord, help us recognize our calling in this moment of history.

Feb 16

Verse: “The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me.” — Psalm 138:8

Prayer: Finish Your good work in us, O God.

Feb 17

Verse: “All things work together for good.” — Romans 8:28 **Prayer:** Thank You for redeeming even painful chapters of our story.14

Feb 18

Verse: “Thou hast loosed my bonds.” — Psalm 116:16

Prayer: Deliverer God, thank You for breaking every chain.

Feb 19

Verse: “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.” — Isaiah 40:31

Prayer: Renew our strength for the journey ahead.

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Feb 20

Verse: “The truth shall make you free.” — John 8:32

Prayer: Help us live in truth that leads to lasting freedom.

Feb 21

Verse: “The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed.” — Psalm 9:9

Prayer: Be our shelter, Lord, when the world is unjust.

Feb 22

Verse: “God hath not given us the spirit of fear.” — 2 Timothy 1:7

Prayer: Fill us with power, love, and a sound mind.

Feb 23

Verse: “Be strong and of a good courage.” — Joshua 1:9

Prayer: Give us courage to move forward in faith.

Feb 24

Verse: “The Lord will fight for you.” — Exodus 14:14

Prayer: Thank You for standing on the front lines of our battles.¹⁵

Feb 25

Verse: “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.” — Proverbs 22:1

Prayer: Help us honor the legacy left by those who came before us.

Feb 26

Verse: “Arise, shine; for thy light is come.” — Isaiah 60:1

Prayer: Let our lives shine with hope, purpose, and faith.

Feb 27

Verse: “I know the thoughts that I think toward you.” — Jeremiah 29:11

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for plans filled with hope and a future.

Feb 28

Verse: “Thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory.” — 1 Corinthians 15:57

Prayer: We thank You, God, for victory—past, present, and to come.