

# Supplementary Scripture Reading for FLORA, FAUNA, AND FAITH: AUTUMN DEVOTIONALS

All Scripture in New Living Translation

## Day 87: Psalm 119

### **Aleph**

- 1 Joyful are people of integrity,  
who follow the instructions of the Lord.
- 2 Joyful are those who obey his laws  
and search for him with all their hearts.
- 3 They do not compromise with evil,  
and they walk only in his paths.
- 4 You have charged us  
to keep your commandments carefully.
- 5 Oh, that my actions would consistently  
reflect your decrees!
- 6 Then I will not be ashamed  
when I compare my life with your commands.
- 7 As I learn your righteous regulations,  
I will thank you by living as I should!
- 8 I will obey your decrees.  
Please don't give up on me!

### **Beth**

- 9 How can a young person stay pure?  
By obeying your word.
- 10 I have tried hard to find you—  
don't let me wander from your commands.
- 11 I have hidden your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.
- 12 I praise you, O Lord;  
teach me your decrees.
- 13 I have recited aloud  
all the regulations you have given us.
- 14 I have rejoiced in your laws  
as much as in riches.
- 15 I will study your commandments  
and reflect on your ways.
- 16 I will delight in your decrees  
and not forget your word.



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### **Gimel**

- 17** Be good to your servant,  
that I may live and obey your word.
- 18** Open my eyes to see  
the wonderful truths in your instructions.
- 19** I am only a foreigner in the land.  
Don't hide your commands from me!
- 20** I am always overwhelmed  
with a desire for your regulations.
- 21** You rebuke the arrogant;  
those who wander from your commands are cursed.
- 22** Don't let them scorn and insult me,  
for I have obeyed your laws.
- 23** Even princes sit and speak against me,  
but I will meditate on your decrees.
- 24** Your laws please me;  
they give me wise advice.

### **Daleth**

- 25** I lie in the dust;  
revive me by your word.
- 26** I told you my plans, and you answered.  
Now teach me your decrees.
- 27** Help me understand the meaning of your commandments,  
and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds.
- 28** I weep with sorrow;  
encourage me by your word.
- 29** Keep me from lying to myself;  
give me the privilege of knowing your instructions.
- 30** I have chosen to be faithful;  
I have determined to live by your regulations.
- 31** I cling to your laws.  
Lord, don't let me be put to shame!
- 32** I will pursue your commands,  
for you expand my understanding.



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### He

- 33** Teach me your decrees, O Lord;  
I will keep them to the end.
- 34** Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions;  
I will put them into practice with all my heart.
- 35** Make me walk along the path of your commands,  
for that is where my happiness is found.
- 36** Give me an eagerness for your laws  
rather than a love for money!
- 37** Turn my eyes from worthless things,  
and give me life through your word.
- 38** Reassure me of your promise,  
made to those who fear you.
- 39** Help me abandon my shameful ways;  
for your regulations are good.
- 40** I long to obey your commandments!  
Renew my life with your goodness.

### Waw

- 41** Lord, give me your unfailing love,  
the salvation that you promised me.
- 42** Then I can answer those who taunt me,  
for I trust in your word.
- 43** Do not snatch your word of truth from me,  
for your regulations are my only hope.
- 44** I will keep on obeying your instructions  
forever and ever.
- 45** I will walk in freedom,  
for I have devoted myself to your commandments.
- 46** I will speak to kings about your laws,  
and I will not be ashamed.
- 47** How I delight in your commands!  
How I love them!
- 48** I honor and love your commands.  
I meditate on your decrees.



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### **Zayin**

- 49** Remember your promise to me;  
it is my only hope.
- 50** Your promise revives me;  
it comforts me in all my troubles.
- 51** The proud hold me in utter contempt,  
but I do not turn away from your instructions.
- 52** I meditate on your age-old regulations;  
O Lord, they comfort me.
- 53** I become furious with the wicked,  
because they reject your instructions.
- 54** Your decrees have been the theme of my songs  
wherever I have lived.
- 55** I reflect at night on who you are, O Lord;  
therefore, I obey your instructions.
- 56** This is how I spend my life:  
obeying your commandments.

### **Heth**

- 57** Lord, you are mine!  
I promise to obey your words!
- 58** With all my heart I want your blessings.  
Be merciful as you promised.
- 59** I pondered the direction of my life,  
and I turned to follow your laws.
- 60** I will hurry, without delay,  
to obey your commands.
- 61** Evil people try to drag me into sin,  
but I am firmly anchored to your instructions.
- 62** I rise at midnight to thank you  
for your just regulations.
- 63** I am a friend to anyone who fears you—  
anyone who obeys your commandments.
- 64** O Lord, your unfailing love fills the earth;  
teach me your decrees.



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### **Teth**

- 65** You have done many good things for me, Lord,  
just as you promised.
- 66** I believe in your commands;  
now teach me good judgment and knowledge.
- 67** I used to wander off until you disciplined me;  
but now I closely follow your word.
- 68** You are good and do only good;  
teach me your decrees.
- 69** Arrogant people smear me with lies,  
but in truth I obey your commandments with all my heart.
- 70** Their hearts are dull and stupid,  
but I delight in your instructions.
- 71** My suffering was good for me,  
for it taught me to pay attention to your decrees.
- 72** Your instructions are more valuable to me  
than millions in gold and silver.

### **Yodh**

- 73** You made me; you created me.  
Now give me the sense to follow your commands.
- 74** May all who fear you find in me a cause for joy,  
for I have put my hope in your word.
- 75** I know, O Lord, that your regulations are fair;  
you disciplined me because I needed it.
- 76** Now let your unfailing love comfort me,  
just as you promised me, your servant.
- 77** Surround me with your tender mercies so I may live,  
for your instructions are my delight.
- 78** Bring disgrace upon the arrogant people who lied about me;  
meanwhile, I will concentrate on your commandments.
- 79** Let me be united with all who fear you,  
with those who know your laws.
- 80** May I be blameless in keeping your decrees;  
then I will never be ashamed.



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### **Kaph**

- 81** I am worn out waiting for your rescue,  
but I have put my hope in your word.
- 82** My eyes are straining to see your promises come true.  
When will you comfort me?
- 83** I am shriveled like a wineskin in the smoke,  
but I have not forgotten to obey your decrees.
- 84** How long must I wait?  
When will you punish those who persecute me?
- 85** These arrogant people who hate your instructions  
have dug deep pits to trap me.
- 86** All your commands are trustworthy.  
Protect me from those who hunt me down without cause.
- 87** They almost finished me off,  
but I refused to abandon your commandments.
- 88** In your unfailing love, spare my life;  
then I can continue to obey your laws.

### **Lamedh**

- 89** Your eternal word, O Lord,  
stands firm in heaven.
- 90** Your faithfulness extends to every generation,  
as enduring as the earth you created.
- 91** Your regulations remain true to this day,  
for everything serves your plans.
- 92** If your instructions hadn't sustained me with joy,  
I would have died in my misery.
- 93** I will never forget your commandments,  
for by them you give me life.
- 94** I am yours; rescue me!  
For I have worked hard at obeying your commandments.
- 95** Though the wicked hide along the way to kill me,  
I will quietly keep my mind on your laws.
- 96** Even perfection has its limits,  
but your commands have no limit.



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### **Mem**

**97** Oh, how I love your instructions!

I think about them all day long.

**98** Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,  
for they are my constant guide.

**99** Yes, I have more insight than my teachers,  
for I am always thinking of your laws.

**100** I am even wiser than my elders,  
for I have kept your commandments.

**101** I have refused to walk on any evil path,  
so that I may remain obedient to your word.

**102** I haven't turned away from your regulations,  
for you have taught me well.

**103** How sweet your words taste to me;  
they are sweeter than honey.

**104** Your commandments give me understanding;  
no wonder I hate every false way of life.

### **Nun**

**105** Your word is a lamp to guide my feet  
and a light for my path.

**106** I've promised it once, and I'll promise it again:  
I will obey your righteous regulations.

**107** I have suffered much, O Lord;  
restore my life again as you promised.

**108** Lord, accept my offering of praise,  
and teach me your regulations.

**109** My life constantly hangs in the balance,  
but I will not stop obeying your instructions.

**110** The wicked have set their traps for me,  
but I will not turn from your commandments.

**111** Your laws are my treasure;  
they are my heart's delight.

**112** I am determined to keep your decrees  
to the very end.





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### Samekh

**113** I hate those with divided loyalties,  
but I love your instructions.

**114** You are my refuge and my shield;  
your word is my source of hope.

**115** Get out of my life, you evil-minded people,  
for I intend to obey the commands of my God.

**116** Lord, sustain me as you promised, that I may live!  
Do not let my hope be crushed.

**117** Sustain me, and I will be rescued;  
then I will meditate continually on your decrees.

**118** But you have rejected all who stray from your decrees.  
They are only fooling themselves.

**119** You skim off the wicked of the earth like scum;  
no wonder I love to obey your laws!

**120** I tremble in fear of you;  
I stand in awe of your regulations.

### Ayin

**121** Don't leave me to the mercy of my enemies,  
for I have done what is just and right.

**122** Please guarantee a blessing for me.  
Don't let the arrogant oppress me!

**123** My eyes strain to see your rescue,  
to see the truth of your promise fulfilled.

**124** I am your servant; deal with me in unfailing love,  
and teach me your decrees.

**125** Give discernment to me, your servant;  
then I will understand your laws.

**126** Lord, it is time for you to act,  
for these evil people have violated your instructions.

**127** Truly, I love your commands  
more than gold, even the finest gold.

**128** Each of your commandments is right.  
That is why I hate every false way.





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### **Pe**

**129** Your laws are wonderful.

No wonder I obey them!

**130** The teaching of your word gives light,  
so even the simple can understand.

**131** I pant with expectation,  
longing for your commands.

**132** Come and show me your mercy,  
as you do for all who love your name.

**133** Guide my steps by your word,  
so I will not be overcome by evil.

**134** Ransom me from the oppression of evil people;  
then I can obey your commandments.

**135** Look upon me with love;  
teach me your decrees.

**136** Rivers of tears gush from my eyes  
because people disobey your instructions.

### **Tsadhe**

**137** O Lord, you are righteous,  
and your regulations are fair.

**138** Your laws are perfect  
and completely trustworthy.

**139** I am overwhelmed with indignation,  
for my enemies have disregarded your words.

**140** Your promises have been thoroughly tested;  
that is why I love them so much.

**141** I am insignificant and despised,  
but I don't forget your commandments.

**142** Your justice is eternal,  
and your instructions are perfectly true.

**143** As pressure and stress bear down on me,  
I find joy in your commands.

**144** Your laws are always right;  
help me to understand them so I may live.



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### **Qoph**

**145** I pray with all my heart; answer me, Lord!

I will obey your decrees.

**146** I cry out to you; rescue me,  
that I may obey your laws.

**147** I rise early, before the sun is up;  
I cry out for help and put my hope in your words.

**148** I stay awake through the night,  
thinking about your promise.

**149** In your faithful love, O Lord, hear my cry;  
let me be revived by following your regulations.

**150** Lawless people are coming to attack me;  
they live far from your instructions.

**151** But you are near, O Lord,  
and all your commands are true.

**152** I have known from my earliest days  
that your laws will last forever.

### **Resh**

**153** Look upon my suffering and rescue me,  
for I have not forgotten your instructions.

**154** Argue my case; take my side!  
Protect my life as you promised.

**155** The wicked are far from rescue,  
for they do not bother with your decrees.

**156** Lord, how great is your mercy;  
let me be revived by following your regulations.

**157** Many persecute and trouble me,  
yet I have not swerved from your laws.

**158** Seeing these traitors makes me sick at heart,  
because they care nothing for your word.

**159** See how I love your commandments, Lord.  
Give back my life because of your unfailing love.

**160** The very essence of your words is truth;  
all your just regulations will stand forever.



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### **Shin**

- 161** Powerful people harass me without cause,  
but my heart trembles only at your word.
- 162** I rejoice in your word  
like one who discovers a great treasure.
- 163** I hate and abhor all falsehood,  
but I love your instructions.
- 164** I will praise you seven times a day  
because all your regulations are just.
- 165** Those who love your instructions have great peace  
and do not stumble.
- 166** I long for your rescue, Lord,  
so I have obeyed your commands.
- 167** I have obeyed your laws,  
for I love them very much.
- 168** Yes, I obey your commandments and laws  
because you know everything I do.

### **Taw**

- 169** O Lord, listen to my cry;  
give me the discerning mind you promised.
- 170** Listen to my prayer;  
rescue me as you promised.
- 171** Let praise flow from my lips,  
for you have taught me your decrees.
- 172** Let my tongue sing about your word,  
for all your commands are right.
- 173** Give me a helping hand,  
for I have chosen to follow your commandments.
- 174** O Lord, I have longed for your rescue,  
and your instructions are my delight.
- 175** Let me live so I can praise you,  
and may your regulations help me.
- 176** I have wandered away like a lost sheep;  
come and find me,  
for I have not forgotten your commands.

