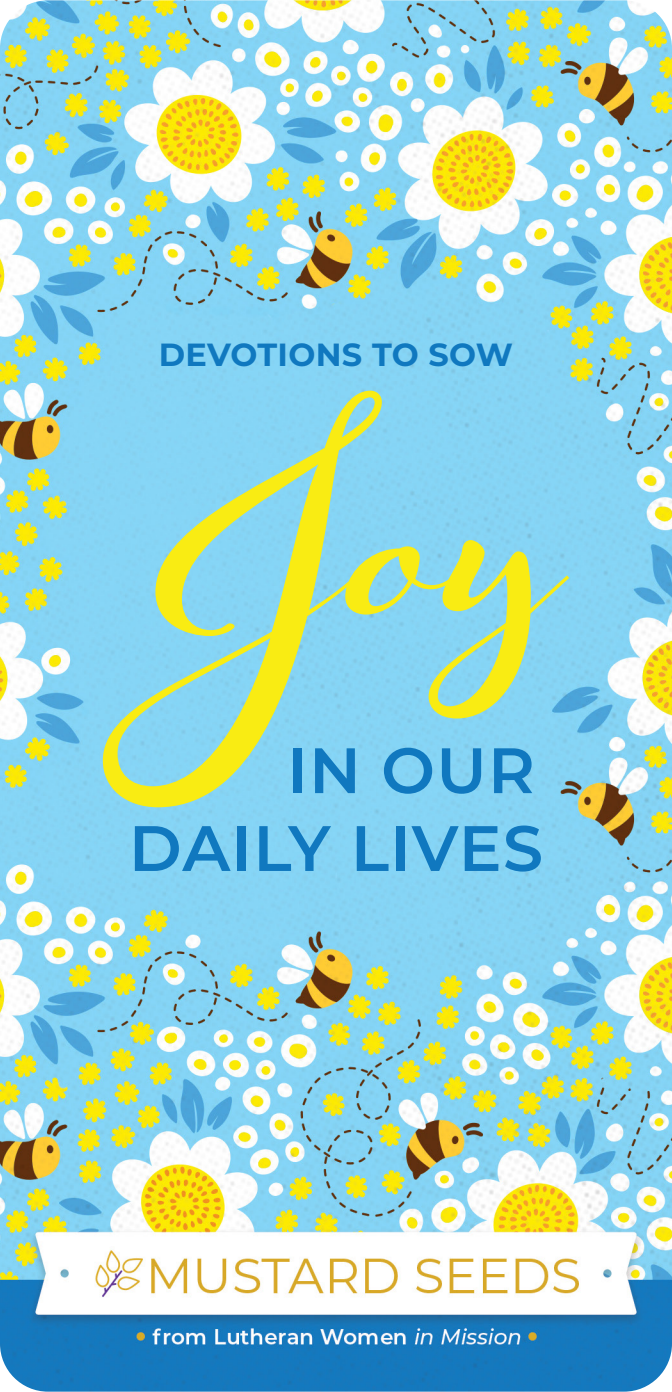




DEVOTIONS TO SOW

Joy

IN OUR
DAILY LIVES



• MUSTARD SEEDS •

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HOW TO SOW YOUR **Mustard Seeds**



For Me:

- with my daily devotion
- with my bedtime prayer
- to begin a meeting
- as a Bible study discussion starter
- on my desk to read at break time
- with a friend in need
- while waiting for the computer to boot up
- with my prayer partner
- on hold on the telephone
- in my lunch box
- as a bookmark
- while waiting at a stop light, bank, or drive-thru

For Others:

- with tips
- in returned library books
- in bills or greeting cards
- as gift to coworkers
- on hospital trays
- as table favors at rallies and luncheons
- in bags of food donated to food pantry
- in church library books
- in spouse's lunch box or suitcase
- as gift to nursing homes
- in public restrooms
- on a bulletin board or public display area
- in bulletins for LWML Sunday

The Joy of Being Loved by God

For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds (Psalm 108:4).

The mother's eyes never strayed from her child. A soft smile played across her lips as she watched him play. She was attentive to every move he made. Although the child was unaware of the attention she focused on him, her tender love was obvious to any observer.

As wonderful as the love of a parent can be, it cannot compare with God's loving care for His children. His love is boundless, timeless, unfailing, unending. What earthly father or mother could presume to claim even one of our awesome God's attributes?

As God's people, we can pray ***Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!*** (Psalm 31:16). Knowing that God's answer to us is a resounding "Yes!" we can say with utmost confidence, ***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever*** (Psalm 23:6).



Dear loving Father, thank You for all of the people You have provided to give me love and care. Thank You most of all for the love You have given to me in Jesus Christ my Savior.

In His name I pray. Amen.

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Joy in God's Promised Protection

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20b).

When King David experienced threats of conspiracy and war, he confidently wrote, The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? ***The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*** (Psalm 27:1).

Sometimes we feel threatened, persecuted and fearful. Then we have two choices: Will we allow ourselves to be consumed by fear, or will we boldly believe God's promises? Satan wants us to abandon hope, but St. Peter encourages to cast ***all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you*** (1 Peter 5:7). And our mighty God promises, ***I will not leave you or forsake you*** (Joshua 1: 5b).

We can draw strength from God's Word and promises, knowing that no attack, no fear, and no foe is more powerful than our loving God.



Dear Father, be with me when I am anxious and fearful. Help me to trust Your promises and hold tightly to You, remembering that my help and comfort come from You.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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