Monday, May 7, 2012 - (Meditation: Genesis 17:7) God, we pray for our new college graduate. As we watch her in her cap and gown, we know that the final curtain of her childhood and youth is coming down. God, help us to recognize her new freedom in this new reality. Help us to let her go, and hold on only with our hearts. Help us to listen rather than to direct. Help us to say, "I understand," rather than "You should." God, into Your hands we commend her life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Tuesday, May 8, 2012 - (Meditation: Isaiah 41:10) God, I feel driven and fearful because of the economy and the need to keep up. I run to the next appointment . . . anticipate next month's goals . . . think about the next vacation . . . the next car . . . the next house . . . the next promotion. When these prove to be empty, I keep on running. I keep looking for meaning, for fulfillment, for satisfaction. God, help me to stop running. Help me to trust in You for guidance, and peace, and meaning. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday, May 9, 2012 - (Meditation: Psalm 62:5-6) God, sometimes I feel like my life is a performance, because I need others' approval, and I fear their rejection. I stay on guard, watching for signs of affirmation or disapproval. This makes for feelings of vague suspicion, and mistrust lies just beneath the surface. God, teach me to rest in You, accepting what You did in Christ as all-sufficient. Help me to trust in Your promises. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thursday, May 10, 2012 - (Meditation: Romans 5:1-5, and v.8) God, often my prayers were not answered as soon as I had hoped, but through Your grace, I learned patience. Problems that I prayed would not come, have caused me pain and anguish, but through Your grace, I received Your redeeming strength, and my faith has grown. Defeats I would have avoided have crushed me, but in the darkest hour I received Your grace and a closer walk with You. Sorrows that I feared have left me in tears, yet You washed them away. God, forgive me when I am blind to Your wisdom, Your timing, Your providence. I praise You that my life has been paid for by Him Who died, despised and rejected, amid the disgrace of the Cross. It is in His Name that I pray. Amen.

Friday, May 11, 2012 - (Meditation: Deuteronomy 5:16) Dear God, Sunday is Mother's Day. Thank You for my mother. Thank You for her understanding, for her encouragement, for her forgiveness, for her touch, and for her unconditional love. May I be just as thoughtful of her, and just as understanding. God, bless all the mothers of the world, for their love and influence live on in the lives of their children and grandchildren. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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