

Open Heaven 2 October 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 2 October 2026 devotional for today is **REMAIN GRATEFUL.**

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OPEN HEAVENS 2 OCTOBER 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: REMAIN GRATEFUL

MEMORISE:

That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.
Psalm 26:7

READ: Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagleâ??s.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 2 OCTOBER 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

Some time ago, I went to a manâ??s house to conduct a programme. It was a night programme, and the owner of the house asked me to spend the night at his house afterwards because it was too late for me to return home. I obliged, and in the morning, he asked me to wait for breakfast. When it was time to eat, a chef came and asked my host what he wanted to eat.

After so much back and forth, my host finally decided that he would have bread and eggs for breakfast. Then, for the next few minutes, another back-and-forth ensued because the chef asked my host how he wanted his eggs prepared â?? scrambled, poached, or fried â?? before he finally settled on boiled eggs. Then, it was time for another debate: how do you want your egg boiled, hard-boiled or medium-boiled? By then, it had been more than 25 minutes, and I had gotten really hungry.

Finally, the chef turned to me when he finished with his boss and asked, â??Sir, what will you eat?â?• I told him to give me anything he had. He said he had bread and eggs, and I said it was fine. Then, he asked if I wanted an omelette or bacon, the number of eggs I wanted, and so on. I told him that anything was fine, as long as it was enough to satisfy my hunger. After the whole ordeal, I thought to myself that even though I had no money, I had a good appetite at least. Child of God, while you may not have everything you desire in life yet, you must be grateful for the things you have.

Ecclesiastes 6:2 says that the sight of the eyes is better than the wandering of desire. Many people are not grateful for what they have because they are consumed with thinking about the things they want. They do not appreciate the things they can see because of their wandering desires. Beloved, if God has given you the gift of life, be grateful.

Ecclesiastes 9:4 says that as long as you are joined to all the living, there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion. As long as you are alive, there is hope that you will achieve the things you desire. Donâ??t be so focused on the things you wish you had that you forget to appreciate God for all you already have. In all things, give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

PRAYER POINT

Father, please help me to remain grateful
for all You have done for me, in Jesusâ?? name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Matthew 1-4

HYMN: Praise to the Lord

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 2 OCTOBER 2026 COMMENTARY

The Open Heaven devotional for today, titled â??Remain Grateful,â?• delivers a message that is simple enough for a child to understand yet deep enough to transform a lifetime. Grounded in Psalm 103:1-5 and 1 Thessalonians 5:18, it calls us to a lifestyle of thanksgiving â?? not because life is perfect, but because God is faithful.

Daddy reminds us that gratitude is not about having everything you want; it is about appreciating everything you have.
In a world that constantly screams *â??You donâ??t have enough*. In a world that persistently echoes what â??you lackâ?•.
This word is a holy interruption. It pulls us back to the feet of the Giver and reminds us to always do what Psalm 103:2 says: â??Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefitsâ??

1. The Breakfast That Took Forever â?? A Lesson in Contentment

Daddy shares a story from a night programme he attended. His host asked him to spend the night, and in the morning, invited him to wait for breakfast. What followed was almost comical. A chef quizzed the host about what he wanted for about twenty-five minutes.
When the chef finally turned to him, Pastor simply said, *â??Give me anything you have, as long as it satisfies my hunger.â?•*

Here is the heart of it: Daddy was not as rich as the man. He didnâ??t focus on that. But he had a good appetite. He realized something to be grateful for.
Child of God, while you may not have everything you desire yet, you must be grateful for the things you *do* have. The fact that you can eat at all is a blessing. The fact that you have an appetite is a blessing. The fact that you are alive to read this is a blessing.

2. The Wandering Desire That Steals Your Joy

Daddy points us to Ecclesiastes 6:2, where Solomon describes a man to whom God gave riches, wealth, and honor â?? yet he lacked nothing his heart desired. But God did not give him the power to enjoy it. A foreigner consumed it. Solomon calls this vanity and an evil affliction.

Then Pastor adds this piercing truth: â??The sight of the eyes is better than the wandering of desire.â?• Many people are not grateful for what they have because they are consumed with thinking about what they *want*. Their desires wander endlessly â?? always chasing the next thing, the next achievement, the next possession. They cannot appreciate what is right in front of them because their eyes are fixed on what is far away.

3. The Hope of the Living

This brings us to Ecclesiastes 9:4: *â??For as long as you are joined to all the living, there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion.â?•*
In Bible times, dogs were not pets â?? they were scavengers, despised and considered unclean. Lions were symbols of royalty, strength, and dignity. Yet Solomon says a living dog is better than a dead lion. Why? Because as long as you are alive, there is hope.

You may feel like a â??dogâ?• right now â?? overlooked, despised, struggling. But you are *alive*! And as long as there is life, there is hope. Your story is not over. Your breakthrough is not cancelled. Your miracle is not buried. The fact that you woke up this morning is proof that God still has a plan for you.

4. Gratitude: A Command, Not a Suggestion

1 Thessalonians 5:18: *â??In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.â?•* Notice carefully: it says *in* everything, not *for* everything. You donâ??t have to thank God *for* the pain, the loss, or the delay. But *in* the middle of it, you can thank Him because you know He is working all things together for your good. Gratitude is not denial of pain. It is defiance against despair.

To deepen your understanding, study these two scriptures:

Philippians 4:11-12
Paul learned contentment. It was not automatic â?? he *learned* it. Gratitude is a skill you develop, not a feeling you wait for. And notice this: contentment is not about having nothing; itâ??s about not letting what you lack rob you of joy for what you have. Paul did not say he *felt* content; he said he *learned* to be content. That means you can learn it too.

Lamentations 3:22-23
Every morning you wake up is a fresh download of Godâ??s mercy. You didnâ??t earn it. You didnâ??t deserve it. But He gave it anyway. That alone is worth a lifetime of thanksgiving. Even in the midst of tears, Jeremiah declared that Godâ??s mercies are new every morning. If you are still breathing, mercy is still flowing. And if mercy is still flowing, gratitude should still be flowing too.

Relating This to Your Everyday Life

Letâ??s be real â?? life is hard. Prices are high. Bills are due. Dreams feel delayed. People are stressed. And in the middle of all that, it is so easy to focus on what is missing.
But today, Daddy is calling us to a different posture. He is calling us to look at what we have, not just what we want. To thank God for the small things â?? the breath in your lungs, the food on your table, the clothes on your back, the people in your life, the mercy that woke you up this morning.

You may not have everything you desire yet. But **you have *something***. And that something is worth thanking God for.

When the widow of the prophet appreciated the little oil she had, it multiplied to pay their debts.
As you thank God for what you have, He gives you what you donâ??t have.

Action Steps

1. **Write a â??Gratitude Listâ?• Today** â?? Take a pen and paper and write down 10 things God has done for you that you have never thanked Him for. Thank Him for each one, out loud.

2. **Stop Complaining** â?? Make a conscious decision not to complain about anything. Instead, replace every complaint with a thanksgiving. Watch how your perspective shifts.

3. **Thank Someone Who Has Blessed You** â?? Call, text, or visit someone who has been a blessing in your life and tell them thank you. Gratitude should not be silent.

4. **Meditate on Psalm 103:1-5 Daily** â?? Read it slowly. Personalize it. Let it remind you of all His benefits: forgiveness, healing, redemption, lovingkindness, tender mercies, and satisfaction. Let gratitude become your daily habit.

Prayer Points

1. Father, I thank You with all my heart for the gift of life, for waking me up this morning, and for Your mercy that is new every day. I bless Your holy name, in Jesusâ?? name.

2. Lord, forgive me for the times I have complained instead of giving thanks. Forgive me for focusing on what I lack and ignoring what You have already provided, in Jesusâ?? name.

3. Father, deliver me from the trap of wandering desires. Help me to be content with what I have and to trust You for what is coming, in Jesusâ?? name.

4. Lord, open my eyes to see all Your benefits â?? forgiveness, healing, redemption, lovingkindness, and tender mercies. Let gratitude fill my heart every day, in Jesusâ?? name.

5. Father, as long as I am alive, I have hope. I thank You that my story is not over and my miracle is not cancelled. Let hope arise in my heart today, in Jesusâ?? name.

6. Lord, make me like the one leper who returned to say thank you. Let my life be a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, in Jesusâ?? name.

7. Father, in every situation â?? the good, the bad, and the waiting â?? teach me to give thanks. Let gratitude be my lifestyle, my weapon, and my testimony, in Jesusâ?? name.

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