



Open Heaven 16 September 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 16 September 2026 devotional for today is DIVINE REDIRECTION.

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OPEN HEAVEN 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: DIVINE REDIRECTION

MEMORISE:

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:79

READ: Acts 9:1-8

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

In today's Bible reading, a man called Saul of Tarsus, who had been persecuting the Church of Christ, was on his way to Damascus to arrest Christians and bring them back to Jerusalem to be thrown into prison. On the way to Damascus, however, Jesus Christ appeared to him, and he experienced a divine redirection. He had been on the wrong path, persecuting Christians and God's work on the earth, but God intercepted and redirected him, placing him on the right path. I pray that if you are currently going in the wrong direction in your life, the Almighty God will redirect you to the right path, in Jesus' name.

Mary Magdalene was another person who experienced a divine redirection. In Luke 8:2. before she met Jesus, she was tormented by seven demons. One demon is enough to ruin a person's life and destiny, but Mary had seven. Satan had planned the perfect plot to destroy her, but Jesus intervened and redirected her life. He delivered her, and she later became one of the first people to see Him after His resurrection. In John 20:13-18, she had a glorious encounter with the risen Lord, and she went to tell the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that He had spoken to her. A woman who was demon-possessed became a credible witness of the Lord. I pray that you will have a special divine encounter, and if you are on the wrong path in any area of your life, I decree that your steps shall be redirected aright, in Jesus' name.

Some years ago, we held a crusade in Lagos, and one young man, who happened to be a member of a gang of highway robbers, came to the crusade venue with a revolver. However, God arrested him, and he gave his life to Jesus Christ and surrendered his gun. A few days later, every member of the gang was killed during a robbery operation. Fortunately for him, he didn't go with them because he had become born again. He was going in the wrong direction, but he came across the light of God, and God saved him from destruction.

Beloved, if you are going in the wrong direction in your life right now, I pray that the light of God will stop you. I pray that God will intercept and redirect you for His glory, in Jesus' name.

PRAYER POINT

Father, please visit me with Your light and redirect me in any area of my life that I may be going in the wrong direction, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Hosea 10-14

[Open Heavens HYMN 33: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH!](#)

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COMMENTARY

Have you ever been driving down a road, completely confident that you were heading the right way, only for your satnav (or Google map) to suddenly scream, “Make a U-turn”?

This powerful Open Heavens devotional teaches us about a spiritual GPS intervention: **Divine Redirection**.

Daddy Adeboye shows us that God, in His infinite mercy, loves us too much to watch us walk down a path of self-destruction without staging a divine intervention.

Understanding the Message: God’s Mercy in Divine Interruption

1. The Blinded Persecutor Transformed

Pastor points us to Saul of Tarsus. Saul was zealous, highly educated, and completely convinced he was doing God’s work by hunting down Christians. He was on his way to Damascus with arrest warrants when Jesus literally knocked him off his high horse with a blinding light.

- **The Divine Handoff:** Jesus asked, “*Why persecutest thou me?*”. In an instant of trembling surrender, Saul asked, “*Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?*”
- **The Lesson:** Saul’s physical blindness was actually the beginning of his true spiritual sight. Sometimes, God has to shut down our human vision and plans so that we can clearly see His purpose.

2. From Torment to Testimony

Next, Daddy highlights Mary Magdalene. Before meeting Jesus, Mary’s life was an absolute nightmare, controlled by seven devastating demons. Satan had written her off.

- **The Deliverance:** Jesus didn’t just cast out the demons; He completely redirected her destiny. The woman whom society avoided became the very first person to witness and preach the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

3. The Lagos Crusade Intervention

To show us that God is still in the business of redirecting lives today, Pastor shares a chilling modern testimony. During a crusade in Lagos, a young highway robber came into the arena armed with a revolver. God arrested his heart. He surrendered his life and his gun. Just a few days later, his entire former gang was wiped out during a robbery operation. His decision to yield to God’s light literally

saved his life from destruction.

Relating This to Your Everyday Life

We may not be persecuting Christians or carrying a physical gun, but we all face moments of stubbornness. We can easily head down the wrong path in our careers, toxic relationships, or prideful habits, ignore warnings, and “kick against the pricks”.

To deepen our understanding of this, we can look at two scriptures not mentioned in the devotional:

- **Proverbs 16:9:** *“A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.”* You might have your whole life mapped out, but you must be humble enough to let God edit your plans.
- **Jonah 1-3:** Jonah insisted on going to Tarshish when God sent him to Nineveh. God used a storm and a great fish not to punish him, but to redirect him back to his true assignment.

Life Example: Imagine a believer who is deeply desperate for a specific job promotion. They pray and fast, but the door is firmly shut. Frustrated, they might feel abandoned. Months later, they discover that the department they wanted to join was completely downsized. What felt like a painful rejection was actually God’s protective redirection.

Action Steps

1. **Conduct a Heart Check:** Ask yourself honestly: *“Am I pursuing a goal or relationship that God has repeatedly blocked?”*
 2. **Surrender Your Agenda:** Write down your current goals and physically lift them up to God in prayer, saying, *“Lord, not my will, but Yours be done.”*
 3. **Yield to God’s Corrections:** If God uses a sermon, a trusted Christian friend, or a closed door to warn you about a habit, stop running and make that spiritual U-turn immediately.
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Prayer Points

1. Father, let the light of Your gospel shine brightly into every dark area of my heart and guide my feet into the way of absolute peace, in Jesus’ name.
2. Lord, if there is any path of self-destruction or error I am currently walking on, let Your mercy intercept and redirect me today, in Jesus’ name.
3. Father, break every demonic hold and cycle of frustration over my destiny, just as You delivered and transformed Mary Magdalene, in Jesus’ name.
4. Lord, deliver me from stubbornness; give me a tender heart that yields to Your voice instead of kicking against Your instructions, in Jesus’ name.
5. Father, let Your divine shield protect me from the unseen traps of destruction that my past associations or wrong choices would have led me into, in Jesus’ name.
6. Lord, let Your Holy Spirit constantly go ahead of me to shut every door that will lead to spiritual ruin, and open only doors of life and peace, in Jesus’ name.
7. Father, turn my past mistakes and missteps into a glorious testimony that will draw others out of darkness into Your marvelous light, in Jesus’ name

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