

The image shows the cover of a spiral-bound notebook. The cover features a photograph of a vast field of purple lupine flowers in the foreground, leading to a body of water under a dramatic sunset sky with orange and blue clouds. A blue circular graphic in the upper right corner contains white text. The title 'GUIDEPOSTS DAILY PLANNER 2026' is printed in white serif font at the bottom of the cover.

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Peek!
Take a
look
inside*

GUIDEPOSTS
DAILY PLANNER
2026

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead . . .

—PHILIPPIANS 3:13 (NIV)



A PRAYER FOR JANUARY

For the new year
The new beginning
The growing light
The coming spring
Your ever-present love
We praise you, Lord
With our lips
Our hearts
And our steps

UNKNOWN

LIVING A NEW LIFE

Releasing the Old Year

My children and grandchildren left to celebrate the new year with their friends. The lovely silence of the house nestles around me as I settle into my prayer chair for a ritual I've practiced for several years. I turn off the lamp on the end table, light a candle, and remember the year, month by month.

I still feel strong emotions as I recall those things that marred the year—arguments, tears and losses, hurricanes, wars of greed, and a relationship that ended. It's hard to let the pain go. But there are also happy memories I want to cling to: the moment of my granddaughter's birth; a favored friendship; a fresh spiritual insight; a satisfying work project; a trip to California.

Life is change. I need to remind myself that endings lead to beginnings, and that even good things must be held lightly in order to grow. So one by one I offer them up, the sad ones and the glad ones, knowing that forever and in all ways these released events of the past year are safe with God.

Now, as the clock nears midnight, I sit quietly in the stillness, feeling lighter and freer. The future, still a mystery, glistens with the promise of a Light beyond time, a Light that shines in the darkness, a Light that cradles overflowing hope.

—Marilyn Morgan Helleberg

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3
4	5	6 EPIPHANY	7	8	9	10
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DECEMBER 2025

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OUR PRAYER

Father, help us to remember that even as we put away our treasures of the past, You have even greater treasures of the future waiting for us.

DEC 2025

28

SUNDAY

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. —Romans 12:13 (NIV)

29

MONDAY

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. —Psalm 96:11–12 (NIV)

30

TUESDAY

Speak the truth to each other. . . . —Zechariah 8:16 (NIV)

"I DON'T WANT CHRISTMAS to be over yet," our 10-year-old said as we prepared for our New Year's celebrations. "How soon do we have to take down the tree?"

"As soon as possible, Mark. It's shedding." I ruffled his hair and kissed him. "We can't hang on to everything we want to, honey. Life keeps changing."

To my surprise, he shrugged, then sprang from my arms and grabbed a handful of tinsel. "OK," he yelled at those trailing in, "let's have a race to see who can take the most stuff off the tree before midnight when the whistles blow!"

"And put it away!" I interrupted, rushing for sacks and boxes, and laughing at the merry commotion. But like my son, I was already a little homesick for the year we were about to tell goodbye. I wanted to hang on to it a little longer—the fun and adventures we'd shared, and even the pain and problems. I longed to see if I couldn't do better: have more faith; be more patient and wiser. I didn't want the new year; I just wanted another chance at the old one!

But now, tonight, I'm caught up in the excitement again. The bells are clanging, whistles blowing, fireworks lighting the sky. "Don't look back," everything

31
 WEDNESDAY
 NEW YEAR'S
 EVE

And the LORD . . . will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed. —Deuteronomy 31:8 (KJV)

JANUARY
1
 THURSDAY
 NEW YEAR'S
 DAY

God said, Let there be light: and there was light. —Genesis 1:3 (KJV)

2
 FRIDAY

He shall direct thy paths. —Proverbs 3:6 (KJV)

3
 SATURDAY

He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. —1 Peter 2:21 (NLT)

seems to be calling. “Look ahead!” And they are right. How wonderful that every year God hands us this shining new package of time, filled with hope

and promise, which can be revealed only when we have stripped off the final wrappings of the old.

—Marjorie Holmes

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

JANUARY

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