

HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH PRAYER DIARY — SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE TIMES 9:00 & 10:45 A.M.

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *Galatians 4-6*
Monday, December 10

John 9:25 One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

Miraculous Master:

I will never move the world if I let the world keep moving me! My influence on _____ will be increased if I free my witness for Christ from political or social axes to grind. What grace did for me can establish the faith of someone else if I say, *One thing I know, whereas I was blind, now I see.*

Then, even those who hate the changes around me will not be able to help noticing the changes in me. They know I was blind, but now I see. They know I was wicked, but now I am a worshiper. They know I mocked God, but now I fear him. That is the best answer to all skeptics!

“We should be doing much better if, instead of writing books of argument, and entering into debates, we each keep on in our [lane], endeavoring to convert souls, imploring the Spirit of God to come down on us and make us spiritual fathers and mothers in Israel.” —**C.H. Spurgeon**

Oh, that _____ could see Christ like I do since you gave me sight! Make me see a new beauty in Jesus. Make me see a new loveliness in the gospel. Make me see an excellence in God my Father. If I have new eyes, I should not use them to find a new place to hide. I want to come out as boldly before others as this man did! **You implanted grace in my heart, so give me courage to testify.**

Praise the Lord, I can see clearly now; the sin is gone! Sin that was once my joy is now my shame. I come to church in a different spirit. My attitude toward trials has changed. I have “**watched** my temper” to **curb** my temper. My nature is different. You re-engineered my personality according to the input of information from your Word! You transformed my attitude, conforming me to Christ’s image. Now make me into a stronger witness. Amen.

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Ephesians 1-4*
Thursday, December 13

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,

SAFE in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o’ershaded, sweetly my soul shall rest.
Hark! ’tis the voice of angels, borne in a song to me.
Over the fields of glory, over the jasper sea.

Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe from corroding care,
Safe from the world’s temptations, sin cannot harm me there.
Free from the blight of sorrow, free from my doubts and fears;
Only a few more trials, only a few more tears!

Jesus, my heart’s dear Refuge, Jesus has died for me;
Firm on the Rock of Ages, ever my trust shall be.
Here let me wait with patience, wait till the night is over;
Wait till I see the morning break on the golden shore.

Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast
There by His love o’ershaded, sweetly my soul shall rest.

—Fanny Crosby, 1868



TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST’S LIFE

Chronological Bible Reading: *Philippians 1-4*
Tuesday, December 11

John 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Holy Father:

Help me! **I need to be careful to abide in Christ when I am being cut back**, weeded, trimmed of wasteful growth (or pruned). You will remove every thing diseased, unproductive, or otherwise unwanted. But if I am not focused on abiding in you, I will not recognize the process of your providence.

The drawback of a vine is its inherent lack of structural strength. I will only trust you to direct my growth and give me that strength if I abide in you.

It seems like since I became a Christian I’ve had nothing but trouble. The Devil tempts me, people disrespect me, my family will not listen to me, and my job takes advantage of me. So what! The power of prayer to process my pain lets me bring those cares to Christ and **acknowledge** the pruning process. Keep me abiding, even when it seems like the knife is snipping everything away.

Job 13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

I will **endure** and even **endorse** my trials. I will never dream of giving up my faith. **I will not rebel because of anything I have to suffer.** To whom shall I go but the Vinedresser? My weakness is your strength perfected for your purpose.

Help me! I need to keep clinging after pruning is done. Help me abide **after** cleansing in the same place I was **before** the cutting (*John 15:3-4*). I can watch the work of the Spirit in me. Let me not respond to the Devil’s temptation to boast, “now I am somebody and do not need any more pruning.”

Only if I abide am I any better than the wasted wood that is burned. My hope lies in you Lord, **at my best times as well as my worst.** Amen.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *Ephesians 5-6; Titus 1-3*
Friday, December 14

Psa. 10:12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

LORD God and Heavenly Father:

Your presence is our joy, but any inkling of your absence is distracting beyond measure. Help us remember you are near today, just like the refiner is never far from the oven’s mouth when his gold is in the fire. Let us see the Son of God, walking up and down in the midst of the flames with us.

The wicked have proud boastings and perverted blessings. Proud hearts breed arrogant looks, stiff necks, and unbending knees. Save us from that Lord! Because you are not blind to sin, much less forgetful of it. Give us a sense of your presence today so we can be soul-conscious not to wound others, but to witness.

Yet, what unbelief is mingled with our strongest confidence. Fearlessly we ask you to arise and lift your hand, yet timidly we beg you to *forget not the humble.*

Psa. 10:17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

Show your power and reveal your righteousness in all our circumstances right now. There is no hiding from your sight, nor flight from your justice. Befriend the oppressed today. Preserve us in time of need so we can rejoice in your goodness. You have prepared our hearts; we resign our **selves** to your judgment, our **mind** to your enlightenment, and our **will** to your sovereign plan, according to your Eternal Purpose for us. You will order all things for the best and not disappoint.

We are sure to come out well if we carry our complaint to you, O King. **Rights are vindicated and wrongs redressed at your throne.** Your government never neglects the interests of the needy, and never tolerates oppression by the mighty. You remember the poor in pity, and note the greed of those who are mighty. Great God, we leave ourselves in your hand. Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Philemon; Colossians 1-4*
Wednesday, December 12

1 Tim. 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

Blessed God and Gracious Father:

Thank you for this promise! If I give my whole mind and concentration to your worship, your word, and your work, then I will have success everyone can see. Whether or not I am promoted, I will be progressive.

I repent of my hasty reading of your word. It is only by deep meditation that I profit from your precepts—not by doing a large amount in a sloppy way, but by giving my best thoughts to everything I put my hand to do.

Prov. 14:23 In all labour there is profit:

But not in fuss and hurry without true spiritual energy. Not in striving, straining and struggling without true spirituality. When I divide myself between God and Mammon, or self and Christ, I cannot develop and grow. **Help me give myself wholly to holy things!** I do not want to be a “day trader” in heavenly business, going bankrupt in my soul. I want dividends on my spiritual stock, and profit from my eternal investments.

Do I minister for you in some aspect at Harvest? Let me minister whole-heartedly and not spin-out on secondary stuff. What have I to do with empty entertainment or opinions, and wasting time?

Help every Christian in our fellowship make ministry with Jesus their real occupation, their life’s work, their one pursuit. Let’s be **all-in** with Jesus so we can go **all-out** for Jesus! I want to profit in holiness and progress in grace, so both the church and the world can feel my impact. Give me the same forceful influence over others the Lord Jesus had in his life, because **that is true spiritual leadership!** Do this for his sake I ask. Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Timothy 1-6*
Saturday, December 15

† Psa. 103:11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

Merciful Father:

Everything alive tastes your **sparing** mercy, but those who hear the gospel and receive it taste your **inviting** mercy. I live by your **saving** mercy, am preserved by your **upholding** mercy, am cheered by your **comforting** mercy, and will enter heaven by your **infinite** and **everlasting** mercy. Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise! Since I know I live on it, I need to glorify it more.

Do not let me harbor grudges and resentment or lack of forgiveness, because your grace will not have that. Even in the hour of my most bitter injustice, I never suffered like I deserve to! You did not determine my lot by what I had coming to me, but by undeserved lovingkindness. You looked beyond my fault and saw my need. Truly, your mercy to me cannot be measured.

† Psa. 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

What a load to move! And yet you removed it so far, its distance rises to the infinite horizon.

My sin is removed by a miracle of love. The scent, the trace, the very memory is taken away over time. That being the case, there should be no shade of fear about it ever returning. Satan himself could not retrieve it. Jesus was my scapegoat twenty centuries ago, and now my sins cannot be found. Nobody but you, Jesus!

Only the Lord alone could remove sin at all, and you have removed all my sin. You did it in a Godlike way, taking them all away. Now give me strength equal to this day to love you, to bless you, to serve you and glorify you in it. For so I ask by Jesus’ merit, to his credit, and in his Spirit. Amen.