

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER</b> Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Revelation 20-22</i> Monday, December 31</p> <p><i>Song of Solomon 7:13</i> The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.</p> <p>Jesus My Beloved, My Spouse: I want to give everything I produce this year to you. My heart has all manner of pleasant fruits, both new and old. They are laid up for 1you in 2019.</p> <p><b>I have new fruits.</b> I want to love, learn and feel <b>new life</b> at Mission Focus this New Year! I want to see a new harvest at Harvest from my witness. I want to beget <b>new children</b> of God. I want to have <b>new joy</b> and praise for all you do. I want to make <b>new decisions</b> and carry them out in new faith!</p> <p><b>I have some old fruits,</b> too. There is my <b>first love</b> (a very choice fruit). There is my <b>first faith</b> by which, as I learned in Discipleship, I became possessor of all things. There is my <b>first soul won</b> to Christ. There is my joy when I <b>first met</b> the Lord. Let me revive it! Help me share it with _____ or _____, even today, bring them to our Missions Conference, and bring them to church.</p> <p>I have my <b>old remembrances</b> of your promises. You have been faithful to me! When I am sick you make my bed soft. In deep waters you buoy me up. In the fiery furnace you walk with me. I have many <i>old fruits</i> because of many <b>past mercies</b>. How much I love you, my Lord and my Bridegroom.</p> <p>My sins I regret, but then I have repentances. I wept my way to the cross, and put my faith fully in the merit of your blood. I have <i>fruits new and old</i>, but here is the point of my prayer: they are all <i>laid up for thee</i>, Jesus! You are the solitary aim of my soul, and your glory the sole end of all my efforts (<i>Col. 1:29</i>).</p> <p>Jesus, you water the soil of my garden, even when I pass through my dark Gethsemane night of the soul, with your bloody sweat. So I display your fruits when you are with me. My all is yours, and yours alone, My Beloved. Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S CROSS</b> Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Genesis 1-2</i> Tuesday, January 1</p> <p><i>John 16:13</i> Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.</p> <p>Dear God and Merciful Father: Sometimes the truth of the Bible seems like a large cave. I want to enter, yet I cannot explore alone. The entrance is clear, bright and enticing, but if I want to go further and deeper I need the assistance of a guide. That is why I need this church and its classes (like D2). I do not want to get lost in my Bible study.</p> <p>The Holy Spirit knows truth perfectly because he is the author. That is why you gave him as my guide. Thank you Lord for leading me into the truth of your word just when I need it, and am able to receive it. You never require my understanding of something still too high for me to reach, or too mature for me to digest. Instead you lead me from one inner chamber to another, so I behold the deep things of God in due time, and receive secrets as I am both able to <b>absorb</b> them, <b>apply</b> them, and <b>explain</b> them.</p> <p>What a treasure is available to a mind clothed with humility! I want to know the truth, yet I am so conscious of my propensity to slip in error. I rejoice today that the Holy Ghost abides in my heart, and condescends to act as my personal tutor to the word. I gladly accept his leadership, Lord.</p> <p><b>Help me learn all truth, so I will not be out of balance.</b> Let me not become willingly ignorant, because I do not want to miss a blessing, just as much as I do not want to step into sin. Since you gave your Spirit as a faithful guide, help me become a more obedient follower by hearkening to his <i>whole counsel</i>. He has a still, small voice, but if I walk in the Spirit this New Year, I can follow his lead. Make it so for Jesus' sake. Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING</b> Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Psalms 8 &amp; 104; John 1</i> Wednesday, January 2</p> <p><i>Job 23:3</i> Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!</p> <p>My Father and My God: The worst of all losses is to lose your smile on my life. I see how earth's earliest saints thought a great deal more about your favor, and praying for it, than we do today. Teach me how to behave myself in your presence as I pray. Even in normal times I do not want to come before you with an unprepared spirit.</p> <p>Help me actually meditate on your goodness, because that will give me the spirit of prayer. Bring me the assistance of an un-grieved Holy Ghost to help me open my mouth for revival.</p> <p>Abraham is the pattern for claiming revival. In Genesis 22 he rose up early (his <b>willingness</b>), he went three days' journey (his <b>earnestness</b>), he left his servants at the foot of Mt. Moriah (his <b>privacy</b>), he carried the wood and the fire with him (his <b>preparation</b>), and finally he built the altar, laid the wood in order, and took up the knife (there was his <b>devotion</b> to worshipping you). He aimed his activity like an arrow. He knew you demanded obedience, because he expected you to answer his prayer, even to return Isaac from the dead.</p> <p>WHAT ORDER SHOULD I OBSERVE IN PRAYING FOR REVIVAL? First, I must feel like I am doing something real, with tangible effects. I am actually addressing God. I cannot see you, but you are really present. My senses cannot perceive you, yet you are really with me and hear me.</p> <p>Feeling then, in my spirit, the reality of your presence, lead my mind by divine grace. Make me feel like Abraham did when he said, <b>Gen. 18:27</b> Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes: Hear my humble cry, in Jesus' name. Amen.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER &amp; BIBLE READING</b> Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Genesis 3-5</i> Thursday, January 3</p> <p><b>Rom. 8:31</b> If God be for us, who can be against us?</p> <p>I'VE had many tears and sorrows, I've had questions for tomorrow, There've been times I didn't know right from wrong But in every situation, God gave me blessed consolation, That my trials come to only make me strong.</p> <p>I've been to lots of places, I've seen a lot of faces, There've been times I felt so all alone But in my lonely hours, yes, those precious lonely hours, Jesus let me know I was His own</p> <p>I thank God for the mountains, and I thank Him for the valleys, I thank Him for the storms He brought me through. For if I'd never had a problem, I wouldn't know that He could solve them, I'd never know what faith in God could do</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God. Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon His Word.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">—Andrae Crouch, 1971</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✠</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY</b> Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Genesis 6-7</i> Friday, January 4</p> <p><b>Heb. 2:18</b> For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.</p> <p>Eternally Able God: When we put together all we ask for as a church, heap it high, and pile on top everything any one of us has ever thought of wanting—you are still able to do even more! High as our pyramid of prayer might be, your ability to succor (help in a difficult situation) is higher still. You are able to deliver, and deliver <b>us</b>. Father, help us recognize that this year! Give us faith to grip this in 2019, because then we will magnify and adore you as you are worthy.</p> <p>Prayer is always prescribed (and sometimes fasting) as the way we get joined to greater power than we would otherwise possess. I know the saints of God would be far stronger to wrestle with this ungodly age if we were more given to using these spiritual disciplines. But they take time, and we do not tarry.</p> <p>Prayer hooks us to <b>heaven</b>; fasting separates our soul from being bloated with the bread that perishes. When we give ourselves to the utmost possibilities of your ability, we are enabled by your Spirit working in us to cast out devils in our community, who would otherwise laugh us to scorn.</p> <p>Jesus, you are still alive. As simple as that truth is, we need a reminder of it. Very often we estimate the power of our church by looking at our pastor and parishioners. It does not lie there, but in the Holy Spirit and an ever-able Savior!</p> <p>We have power to work neither physical nor spiritual miracles. But you are able to work wonders, and you are still willing to work those in our midst. All hell confesses the majesty of your authority. You are the master of heart and conscience, so no case is too hard for you. <b>Work, Oh Able One, in 2019!</b> Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS</b> Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Genesis 8-9; Psalm 12</i> Saturday, January 5</p> <p><b>Psa. 7:17</b> I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.</p> <p>O LORD, High and Mighty: Brush-off the filth from my garments! You planted the tree, now do not allow the winds to destroy it. I thank you my accusers cannot sit on your throne, nor blot out my name. I praise you for my job, I praise you for my ministry, and I praise you for the present pleasures you allow me to have.</p> <p><b>Psa. 8:1</b> O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.</p> <p>No heart can measure, nor tongue describe a fragment of your greatness. You work always and everywhere in my life; and today I acknowledge you in that.</p> <p><b>Psa. 8:9</b> O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!</p> <p>Every creature is sustained by your provision. The fabric of the universe leans on your arm. Every place and in every situation, you are working your plan. Make me thrilled with what I see, and able to give you glory!</p> <p>O LORD our Lord, what a sweetness in this little word, <i>our</i>. How much is your glory made precious to me when I consider how you, <i>Jehovah</i> are <b>my Lord, Adonai</b>. Even the heavens cannot contain your glory: it is set ABOVE the heavens. It is too great to be expressed. Surely my life can do little enough to add to it, but Lord let it be! Make me a fit vessel, a vessel of honor unto you.</p> <p><b>1 Cor. 9:27</b> But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.</p> <p>Let me not be rejected, but approved, because this is the only way I can add to your glory. Be with me this day and this weekend. Help all I do and all I say be pleasing to you, for Lord I need your grace! In Jesus' name I will ask for it. Amen.</p>