

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

**MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Exodus 1-4*  
Monday, February 4

*1 Sam. 15:22* And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

God My Father:

You told Saul to obey, yet instead he performed a religious ritual. I know so many people like that! What drives them are the same things that drove Saul: pride (v 17) and fear (v 24). **The only remedy for selfishness is submission, and the only cure for fear is faith that obeys.**

I am trying to witness in an idolatrous generation. Look at our society and culture. They are fond of the idea of spirituality, yet neglect your command to repent. I know many like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who worship in a sacramental liturgy. Use me to help them discover how simple obedience to the gospel is better than any return to ritual or tradition.

All pretensions about being a good Christian and loving the good Lord, along with all the “missional” things they do for their church or “fellow man,” are no repayment for their disobedience to the gospel. They cannot make-up for not trusting in the sacrifice of your blood, which was made once-for-all on the cross.

Gregorian chants and yogic meditation, incense and candles, vestments and banners make a fine display, but not a holy one. Obedience is the spiritual sacrifice. Praise for what Christ accomplished on the cross is the sacrifice of my lips. Laying my life on the altar for your Eternal Purpose is the reasonable worship demanded of those who are saved by the blood of Jesus.

All the formalities accomplish nothing toward their salvation. Help them see that! Help them obey the gospel today. Make them as teachable as a child in trusting you totally for salvation. Do it for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

**A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Exodus 14-18*  
Thursday, February 7

*Acts 1:8* But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**T**AKE me back, take me back dear Lord  
To the place where I first received you.

Take me back, take me back dear Lord, where I first believed.

I feel that I’m so far from you Lord  
But still I hear you calling me  
Those simple things that I once knew,  
Their memories keep drawing me.

I must confess, Lord I’ve been blessed  
But yet my soul’s not satisfied.  
Renew my faith, restore my joy  
And dry my weeping eyes.

I tried so hard to make it all alone  
I need your help just to make it home.

*Take me back, take me back dear Lord  
To the place where I first received you.*

*Take me back, take me back dear Lord, where I first believed.*

—Andraé Crouch, 1974



**TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST’S MIRACLES**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Exodus 5-9*  
Tuesday, February 5

*John 2:10* And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

Mighty God and Merciful Lord:

I look what your miracles teach me. When people come to Christ they are not deceived; your blessings are not dreams. If my friends will come and trust you, the work done for them will be as real as what you did in Cana. Even the ungodly are forced to admit when you make a change in some person’s life.

Lord, I trust in this: you actually turned water into a wine of special quality, so **you can now transform my character and make it better than willpower, counseling or education can ever produce!** Lift my daily life into something so glorious—through Christ—it takes a back seat to no one else’s experiences, because in all this Jesus will be revealed and your name glorified!

*John 2:11* This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

I want to do the same Lord, and share in faith that marvels at you. The guests at the feast all drank the wine, but your disciples got something far better. They had an increase in faith. Make that also true of me. Others can eat and drink of common mercies; but let me see Jesus!

You are ever-ready for emergency. Something may come up today I cannot contemplate in this prayer. It does not matter I could not anticipate it, because you are always ready for the unexpected. Now, make me ready for your unlikely response so I will not be surprised at you. Give me the eye of faith to see you, and wait in the full knowledge that whatever time you act will be right, and whatever thing you do will always work. Increase my faith, Lord Jesus! Amen.

**FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Exodus 19-21*  
Friday, February 8

*Psa. 78:34* When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and inquired early after God.

Loving Lord and Living Master:

Let prayer be raised by our entire church. Let us do it sooner rather than later. Let us not make you slay us before we seek you! Where two or three of us come together and pray, there will always come an answer of peace. If the prayer of even one of us prevails with you, then surely the prayer of our whole church will result in the multiplication of our flock in the fulfillment of your Eternal Purpose.

When Israel fell to Ai, it was not just because Achan carried the accursed thing into the camp. It was because they said, *Let not all the people labour thither*. So a part of the people were allowed to lie at ease. **Our church will always have hard times as long as a few people are left to do what should be done by all the redeemed.**

Let us, as the whole house of Israel, besiege our Ai by prayer so we can take it! Help each of us Lord, take a personal interest in prayer and revival. When we finally recognize the saving of souls is **our own personal business**, will we seek the lost. When the case of someone becomes our case before the throne, and our heart cries, *Give me children, or else I die* (Gen. 30:1), then we are sure to succeed.

If the sinner we know will not repent, then let us repent over him! If they will not believe, then let us believe God for them, and by faith plead your promises concerning them. If we cannot get them to pray, then we will pray on their behalf. In answer to our repentance make **them** repent; in answer to our faith lead **them** to believe; in reply to our prayer move **them** to pray.

You will do it, but we will have to seek it as your personal favor. Make our souls more determined and continual in heart-felt prayer! Amen, Lord, amen.

**WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Exodus 10-13*  
Wednesday, February 6

*Gen. 9:14* And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

Great Lord and Heavenly God:

Clouds accumulate overhead, yet I do not fear being drowned. I see the rainbow after the rainstorm, and it reminds me not to be afraid. I have no doubt the covenant you made with Noah still stands good for me.

So why am I tempted to believe the clouds of struggle will end in my destruction? Why believe clouds darkening my path are any more threatening than others? This is my prayer: **help me dismiss all God-dishonoring fears.**

Give me faith to see the bow of the covenant through the winds of change and the clouds of opposition. Yes, you have a bow. And yes, it can shoot arrows of destruction. But watch! It is turned over, upside-down! It is a bow without an arrow or a string. It is a bow for show, no longer used to punish me for my sins. It is a bow of many colors, which expresses joy and delight. It is not a bow blood-red with slaughter. It is not a bow stealth-black with sudden destruction. It is not a bow spitting flames of anger.

I encourage myself in your word today. **Never do you so darken my sky as to leave your promise without a witness somewhere in my life.** Something always shows up to prove your love. Something will happen today—as dark as it may get—which will yet prove your presence. So the answer is,

*† Isa. 26:3* Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

I will trust you until the waters recede, and recognize it as an expression of revival. Since you cannot change and you do not lie, then you will not fail to keep your covenant of salvation with me. Thank you Lord Jesus! Amen.

**SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Exodus 22-24*  
Saturday, February 9

*Psa. 119:17* GIMEL. Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

Lord and Master:

Deal bountifully with me, because the obstacles to spirituality are obvious and in my way. Without your mercy I could not keep your word, and without keeping your word I am not truly living. It takes great grace to keep this saint alive, and I trust you right now for it.

Life is a gift from you. I am undeserving of it, and only you can sustain it. Preserve the life I forfeited through sin, and make abundant the life I gained by faith in your grace. Let me live to give glory to you! This I will do because I find favor through faith in your Son’s finished work.

Natural life is just existence; spiritual life is real living. I seek this as your richest blessing because it is your noblest work. Oh, the rich bounties of divine grace! Help me gloriously experience them today at your hand.

Why do I plead for this? Because **I cannot serve you acceptably in my own strength or willpower.** I cannot even live unless your grace abounds.

Make keeping your word the rule, goal, and joy of my life. I do not want to walk in the flesh and serve sin. I pray to be able to walk in the spirit, keep your word, live in righteousness, and bear fruit by reaching others. **There is no life in the highest sense apart from this kind of holiness.** I prize it greatly; therefore I am driven to my knees to seek to the Strong One for my strength!

If I give you my service, it is only because you grant me your grace. I can only work for you because you work in me (*Eph. 3:20; Phil. 2:13; Col. 1:20; 1 Thes. 2:13*). Faith always works, and it works by love (*Gal. 5:6*). If you deal bountifully with me, then I can both live and move and keep your word. Amen.