

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

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *Exodus 25-28*
Monday, February 11

Song of Solomon 5:4 *My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him.*

Beloved Lord and Friend, Jesus:

You knocked, but it was not enough. My heart is cold and sleepy. I am many times too ungrateful to rise and open the door. Yet the touch of your grace will make my very soul stir!

Oh, touch with grace _____ and _____, so they become conscious of their condition—lost—and aware of how your Spirit—seeking and wooing—is drawing them to Jesus. You were shut-out, and I was asleep on a bed of apathy, yet you were longsuffering with me.

Oh, the greatness of your patience, as you knock and knock again. The greatness of your persistence, as you add your voice to your knock. How can I refuse you?

John 6:44 *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

My vile heart should blush and be rebuked. You show the greatest kindness of all when you become your own butler, and unbar the door to other souls yourself. Nothing but your own power can save sinners, but please Sir! use my witness as your tool. You can open hearts where no argument of mine will work.

Well may my emotions move for you when I contemplate all you suffered for me. Allow my affections to wander no longer. I have entertained rivals and grieved you long enough. Cruel sin!

What can I do? Tears are a poor show of repentance. Lord, you forgive freely but please, prevent my unfaithfulness in the future. Purge my heart and bind it with cords to you ever more. I ask this in Jesus' own name. Amen.

TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S PRAYER LIFE

Chronological Bible Reading: *Exodus 29-32*
Tuesday, February 12

Luke 11:13 *If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

Wonderful Savior:

I believe, **right prayer will give right answers and bring right power.** So I am bold to ask for spiritual comfort, for maturing gifts, for enabling grace—for revival! I thank you because you will not mock my request by giving me something that only addresses the superficial. **Revival, since it is a work of the Spirit of grace, always deals with root issues.**

Give me the faith in 2019 to ask the best blessings, richest graces, highest work, and closest fellowship with Christ. Because whatever is happening to me right now, I know you have not given me a stone, serpent, or scorpion (vv 11-12). You are **not** treating me ungenerously. And were I as able to judge reality and goodness as you, I would see **you are giving me the best possible things to enable the Holy Spirit's operation in my life.**

So trials may surround me (they do!), but your love is right here. All my faith has to do is open one eye to see it. I am not dealing even with apparent evil, but evident good. Blind unbelief is what misrepresents your work, your ways, and your heart. Give me a clearer eye of faith to see the truth!

Let me seek and see truth regarding my own frailty and faults. I seek repentance from the Holy Ghost through Jesus Christ. I come to you Father, and in sincerity I pray,

Psa. 51:10 *Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

If my heart be not broken and contrite, break it and heal it. Give me a tender spirit. My longing is always toward you. Deal with me in a way that brings revival, for so I ask it in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Exodus 33-36*
Wednesday, February 13

1 Pet. 3:7 *Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.*

Heavenly Father:

Prayer is such an important thing, being the channel by which rivers of revival come, and the window through which you supply so much grace. Prayer is my ship, trading with heaven, and coming back home **stacked** with treasures. It is so invaluable, the danger of my hindering it is used by Peter as a motive for why husbands and wives have to behave according to their biblical roles!

Anything that hinders prayer is sin. If anything regarding my family is injuring my power in prayer, then there is urgent reason for me to change. Any behavior or attitude or habit that leaves us un-joined as heirs of grace is evil.

Prayer affects my spiritual power. To confine it is spiritual injury, and a dangerous tendency. When I am on my knees I am really and truly before you, my God. Others see me only on the surface, but your eyes pry into the recesses of my soul.

If you see I am prayerless—not just on my knees now, but in my soul during the day—then you make little of my trials, and nothing of my efforts. So make me a person of earnest prayer! Give me the spirit of prayer, so it is habitual for my heart to talk with you all day. Then things will be right with me. But if that is not my case right now and my prayers are hindered, show me what needs to be ejected to make it right. Show me what is lacking that I need to supply.

Prov. 4:23 *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

And living prayers are what deal with those issues and bring revival. You see the hindrances; I repent of the sin. Hear me today for Jesus' sake. Amen.

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Exodus 37-40*
Thursday, February 14

Acts 5:14 *And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.*

HAST Thou, O Lord, a work to do? Here am I, send me!
The field is white, the lab'ers few, here am I, send me!
O touch my lips with fire divine, here am I, send me!
The dross consume, the gold refine, here am I, send me!

*Over mountain, plain or sea, here am I, send me!
I'll go to the ends of the earth for Thee, here am I, send me!*

A lowly vessel at Thy feet, here am I, send me!
O cleanse and for Thy use make meet, here am I, send me!
My heart now longs and yearns to go, here am I, send me!
To reap Thy harvest here below, here am I, send me!

*Over mountain, plain or sea, here am I, send me!
I'll go to the ends of the earth for Thee, here am I, send me!*

—J. Gilchrist Lawson, 1910



FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *Leviticus 1-4*
Friday, February 15

† Rom. 13:11 *And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*

High and Holy God:

The greatest mistake in life is when we do not understand the times we live in, and how to act in those times. Pastor Tony Evans says, “if you plan on doing anything for God, you better do it now.” That sense of urgency only comes from *knowing the time.* We have to understand the times as to our own generation,

Prov. 2:2 *So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;*

The night is far spent, and many of our friends continue in the dense darkness of postmodern ignorance about the gospel, and of Jesus' finished work.

Eph. 5:8 *For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:*

Help us by your Spirit to hold up the light, as we live your Eternal Purpose!

1 Pet. 2:9 *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

We were once in despair—a night without a moon. We were without hope, and feared our future was *the blackness of darkness forever.* That hopeless gloom is over for us. Praise the Lord! We have light and joy in Jesus Christ. The Day-star is shining on our path. Help us, Holy Spirit, to lead others into the Way, for the dispensation of grace is here. The day of salvation has dawned for someone who is lost today! Bring them under the influence of the gospel, of holiness and hope. Arouse them out of the sleep of apathy. Help us shake them awake with a knowledge of the shortness of time. Help us in this, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *Leviticus 5-7*
Saturday, February 16

Psa. 119:28 *My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.*

Heavenly Father and Redeemer:

Like the troubled psalmist, I complain about my addiction to earthly things. Sometimes my soul cleaves to the dust from which I was made. I feel like it melts for heaviness. I cry for freedom from this invisible prison. I could dissolve-away in tears. The solid strength of my faith is in danger of turning to liquid in the heat of my afflictions. Heaviness of heart seems like a killing thing. It threatens to turn the life I have into nothing more than an extended death.

Job 3:24 *For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.*

Tears are the distillation of the heart. When I weep, my soul wants to waste-away in the erosion. I am nearly weak as water, spilt on the ground, never to be gathered up. What shall I do?

Lam. 2:19 *Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him*

I must remember, **it is better to be melted by depression than hardened by defiance.** You strengthen me by pouring me **out**, then pouring your grace **in.** As you pour grace in through your word, then your Spirit can certainly sustain me. (I verbally confess it so the enemy can hear it!)

Grace is what enables me to bear the constant stress of lasting sorrow. It repairs the decay caused by a perpetual tear-drip. It gives me the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. **When depression comes I will pray, because that is the shortest distance out of discouragement.** And in that prayer I plead nothing but the word of God. This I do, not just for my own sake or others, but because of what you have provided in Jesus. Amen.