

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

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 121; 123-125; 128-130*
Monday, April 15

Song of Solomon 8:6 Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm:
for love is strong as death;

Master and King:

Death is the destroyer of humanity (even in our community!), but your love is ever more mighty! I feel like my love toward you is on life support, but your love for me surpasses all power. I do love you, Lord. Maybe by your grace I could even die for you if called on. But I confess my current love can scarcely endure mocking and disrespect, much less death. Surely it is your love for me that is spoken of by Solomon as being strong as death. And your love for _____ and _____ who do not yet know you—for you are a matchless lover of souls!

Your love indeed was stronger than the worst death, because it endured the trial of the cross triumphantly. It was a **lingering** death, but love survived the torture. It was a **disgraceful** death, but love despised the shame. It was an **unjust** death, but your love bore my iniquities. It was a forsaken, **lonely** death from which the Father hid his face, but your love endured the curse and accomplished my salvation. Jesus, lover of my soul, shed abroad such love through me!

Never such love. Never such death. It was a desperate duel, but love conquered. What then my heart? Why have I so little emotion while approaching Easter services? Yes Lord, I long, I pant to feel your love and share it.

Why should I be too depressed to love Jesus, who has a love as strong as death for me? He deserves it and I desire it. The martyrs felt your love and spread it, why not me? They mourned their weakness yet were made strong, why not me? Grace gave them unwavering consistency; there is the same grace for me!

*For every drop of crimson blood thus shed to make me live,
O wherefore, wherefore have not I a thousand lives to give?*

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Chronicles 1-2; Psalms 43-44*
Thursday, April 18

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

O SOUL, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's a light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conquerors we are!

His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

—Helen H. Lemmel, 1922



TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S LIFE

Chronological Bible Reading 2 Samuel 1-4
Tuesday, April 16

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

My God and Father:

This age is especially the dispensation of your Spirit. I know Jesus is with me, not by his personal presence (like he will be when he comes again), but by the indwelling and constant abiding of his personal *Paraclete*, the Holy Spirit. I know his office is to console God's people, but Lord his job is also to convict of sin. Let him illumine the eyes and instruct the minds of _____ and _____ toward the gospel today!

John 16:14 [The Holy Spirit] shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.

The Spirit is my Helper, so let me be his partner in binding the brokenhearted, strengthening the weak, lifting the bowed-down. I can do this by preaching Jesus to them. Holy Spirit, reveal, because Christ is revelation. Console, for Christ is consolation. Do your stated work of glorifying Jesus. Take not your own things, but the things of Christ, and minister medicine to our miseries!

Holy Spirit, you are the Comforter and Jesus is the Comfort. I know you will not neglect your sacred trust. Even so, make me diligent to follow your leading and moving and filling, so others will be reached for Christ.

Whenever I decide to speak-up and witness, I have not taken a task I cannot perform, because the power of Christ is there by his Spirit! Confessing this fact, I confirm my trust in your name, Jesus. **Give me fresh oil.** Anoint me to serve you this week. Make me your Ambassador to call all people to be reconciled to God, and come to Easter Sunday services with me. Amen.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 49; 84-85; 87*
Friday, April 19

† Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Gracious Lord and God:

We could rightly have been exiled from your presence forever, but in prayer we stand before your throne. We pray for Easter outreach and souls saved. Make our thankfulness ascend in praise—praise that we are even able to thank you!

We prostrate ourselves in your presence. Even when we come to pray for your own will, and for the power to accomplish what you already ordained, we still come humbly, meekly and sincerely. We request the Spirit's help to be filled, and fulfill your Eternal Purpose (*Eph. 3:10-11,21*). **This is a prayer you want to answer, but an answer you wait to provide until prayed for.**

Lam. 3:25-26,29 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

Let our pride bite the dust at the curb! Heaven obeys you cheerfully; hell trembles at you fearfully. When we come forth fulfilling the Eternal Purpose of God, the Devil tries his utmost to deceive and distract, because he is already defeated by its mission. Foil him by our faith for every person we invite Sunday.

Job 25:5-6 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, ...the stars are not pure in his sight. How much less man, that is a worm?

You are the highest of all kings. You deserve most to be worshipped, adored, and obeyed in our lives. We are on earth while you are in heaven. Help us fulfill all your will here, even as the shining angels you created fulfill it up there. Make us bow as we should before your eternal majesty. Spirit of God, fill us and help us worship the Father in our spirits today and our services Easter! Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 6; 9-10; 14; 16; 21*
Wednesday, April 17

Rev. 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Holy God, Holy Father:

The spot I see much to deplore, your loving eyes see much to admire. In the eagerness of my self-analysis, I often write bitter things against myself. But even in those bitter self-condemnations you see a spiritual life of sincerity, which you love. When you search my heart, you never bypass the lightest longing for you, or the dimmest desire, or the faintest faith, or the least love.

It does not say, as many as you love, you praise, but as many as you love you rebuke. In that sense it is more important for me to uncover my faults than for me to dwell on my virtues, because if I would chasten myself, then I need not be chastened by the Lord.

1 Cor. 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

Rev. 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

When love dies, doctrine becomes a powerless corpse. Faith becomes formalism. Spirituality becomes dead ceremony. Relationship becomes religious ritual. Even my allegiance to the truth sours into prejudice and bigotry when the sweetness and light of love to Christ leaves. **Legalism breeds carnality**, and mere **hatred of evil will turn into evil itself if the love of Jesus is not there** to sanctify it. This is the type of revival I need!

If I fail in love I fail in everything. My love for Christ, because it touches the very heart of my communion with Christ, is the crown and original essence of my spiritual life. Almost any disease can be endured except this disease of the heart! No peril can be greater than this: lovelessness. If I lose love I lose all. The greatest thing about our church is the opportunity to love! You loved me, up out of the pit and into your heart. Now love me into ministry for you. Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Samuel 28-31; 1 Chronicles 3-5*
Saturday, April 20

Psa. 105:8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Glorious God and Father:

This is the basis for all your dealings with me. You made a covenant with Abraham—father of all those who have faith—and you are faithful to that covenant. Since you remember your promise, surely I should not forget how you kept it.

You threaten judgment down to the third and fourth generation of those who hate you (*Exod. 20:5*), but your love goes on to a *thousand generations*. Your promise is *commanded*, meaning it is vested with all the authority of law. It comes from a King whose laws will be followed to the jot and tittle, even though heaven and earth pass away (*Matt. 5:18*).

The blessings of Abraham's seed were not dependent on the number of descendants, and the smallness of our church or the poverty of its members are no barrier to your blessing if we seek it!

Psa. 105:17 He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant:

Your presence in Canaan does not desert me while I am in Egypt. Prepare my way and prosper me until you lead me back into the land of promise. For I know and acknowledge, your plan is wise even when it includes famine.

Make me the advance-guard for others. I want to lead, and become a leader of leaders. Your way is the right way. It may take me past the cross, but it is still correct. The road to glory may run me by the rivers of grief. Make me ready, because all your afflicted ones will one day step out of their prisons and onto their thrones. Send me on a mission for you. A mission to win more subjects for your kingdom before the return of the King! Do it for Jesus' sake. Amen.