

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

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Chronicles 6; Psalms 36; 39; 77-78*
Monday, April 22

Mal. 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

Merciful Father, Mighty Judge:

Christ's first coming, even without pomp, ceremony, or external show of power, was still a time of testing. Herod and all Jerusalem were stirred, but not to worship. Those who thought they were waiting for you rejected you. Your life on earth was a winnowing fan, blowing away chaff—chaff of religious profession absent heart possession. No counterfeits survived the process.

What will your Second Coming be? What sinner will be able to stand?

Isa. 11:4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

A study of prophecy is so revealing! Your death shook the earth and darkened the heavens. What will be the dreadful splendor of that day in which, as living Lord, you summon the living and the dead before you? It will be greater than any earthquake or tsunami, with more force than nature can imagine.

O that the terrors of the Lord would persuade _____ and _____ to forsake their sins and kiss the Son lest he be angry (*Psa. 2:12*)! Though a Lamb, you are the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Though you do not break the crushed reed, you will break in pieces those who are hard of heart toward your Spirit. No one will successfully hide from the sweeping hail of your indignation.

Your beloved, blood-bought people will appear with you with joy. Even now we look for you with hope and not fear. **Even so, come, Lord Jesus.** But use me to save all you can before you come! O for grace to get the lost into church and the gospel into the lost this week. For Jesus' sake I ask it. Amen.

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Samuel 5; 1 Chronicles 11-12; Psalm 133*
Thursday, April 25

1 Cor. 2:9-10 Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:

ALONE in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began

Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began

*Oh, Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You*

—Balltzglie, Kersb, Smith, Coker, 2017

TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S LIFE

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 81; 88; 92-93*
Tuesday, April 23

John 21:12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

Magnificent Lord Jesus:

I pray for _____ and _____. Invite them to a new nearness to yourself. Help me bring them to church—to the same table, the same meal, and even sitting side by side to lean on Jesus' breast!

S of S. 2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Give me union with Christ today, because the only food I feast on is Jesus.

Reason does not grasp how I spiritually feed on Christ, but faith can.

John 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Give me greater fellowship with the saints, because all believers have one spiritual appetite. If we cannot all feel alike, we can all at least feed alike this Sunday (AM and PM) at your house. Give us bread from heaven through your word.

As I get closer to Christ, I find myself linked more and more in the Spirit to all those who are like him. **If we were nearer to Jesus, like spokes to the hub, we would be more unified together.**

This is my source of strength. To look to Christ is to live, but for strength to serve I must come and dine. Dine at the table of passionate preaching! Dine at the table of dynamic discipleship! Dine at the table of churchwide prayer! I labor under unnecessary weakness because I have not taken my nutrition.

I must not restrict my spiritual diet as I start this summer. On the contrary, I need to get fat on the marrow of the gospel and the word of God, because then I can gain strength, and make every ounce of my energy fulfill its full mission in God's Eternal Purpose. Make it so for Jesus' sake starting now. Amen.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Samuel 6; 1 Chronicles 13-16*
Friday, April 26

Eph. 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Heavenly Bridegroom of the Church:

Having already prayed in *Eph. 3*, the apostle Paul now adores you. That adoration is not so much the act of praise, as the simple recognition praise is due—and far more of it than we can ever render.

We hardly know how to define adoration. Our praises are a river flowing within its banks, running toward a destination. But adoration is the same river overflowing its banks, flooding the soul, and covering our entire church with deep waters—and these not so much moving and stirring as standing still in tranquility, mirroring the glory shining down on them.

Adoration is part of your Eternal Purpose. It is not seeking your divine presence, so much as being conscious of your presence to an extreme degree, and therefore full of awe and peace at the same time.

Glory! Like the Sea of Galilee when it felt the sacred touch of the Master's feet.

Adoration is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height of praise. Adoration is like the starry heavens, always declaring the glory of God. It is the eloquent silence of a soul too full for words. It is for us to prostrate ourselves in the dust in humility, yet soar aloft in sublime meditation. It is to sink into nothing, but be filled with all the fullness of God! It is to lose ourselves in your life.

We should set-aside more time for adoration. It is the highest spiritual nourishment to have the Spirit carry us out of ourselves, lifting us above the small stuff and petty issues surrounding us, until we are only conscious of your mission and your glory. O that you would give us that today! Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Chronicles 7-9*
Wednesday, April 24

Col. 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

Heavenly Father:

By abiding in Christ and having his words abide in me, I get a glorious liberty and prevailing power in prayer for revival. Why?

First, because of the **fullness** in Christ. Whatever I need I can ask and receive, because it is already found in you! Do I seek the assistance of an ungrieved Holy Ghost? I can go to the Lord's anointing. Do I need to perfect my holiness? I can look to the Lord's example. Do I need to sense pardon for sin after my confession, so that fellowship is restored? I plead your blood. Do I need my current sinful state to be put to death? I look to your cross. Do I need my old nature to be mortified, buried to the world? I can go to your tomb and meditate. Do I want to feel the fullness of heavenly life? I behold your resurrection. I want to rise above the world and all its allure. So then, I mark your ascension. I right now need to think on heavenly things—on revival—so I remember how you sit on the right hand of God who has,

Eph. 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

I can see clearly now how the branch gets all it wants of what it needs while it abides in the stem. Do I want more than the stem can give? If I do I shouldn't, because the only life I should live is what I get by drawing life out of the vine.

This is my request then, Lord. Deny me any wish that wanders outside your will. It pleased the Father that all fullness would dwell in you. What pleases the Father pleases me also. This is what gives me contentment, because **I am glad to draw everything from Jesus.** Give me grace to see my wants, desires and needs today in light of my attachment to the vine, for I so ask in Jesus' name.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 15; 23-25; 47*
Saturday, April 27

Psa. 105:24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

Lord God, My Almighty:

It is useless to fight against you or your people, because the more we are killed, the more we multiply! Your goodness to Israel called-out the hatred of Pharaoh's court, and your goodness to me often calls-out my haters. You used that feeling of discomfort to make your people ready and willing to leave Egypt. So use it to make me ready and willing to let go of the world!

When oppression was at its worst, Moses came. You sent Joseph down to Egypt, but you sent Moses to lead them out. Lord, you triumphed in that hour and with an outstretched arm. Deliver me as you delivered them.

Psa. 105:39 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

Never were people so favored as those Israelites moving forward on their journey. And never will I be so favored as when I am moving-out in ministry, and serving you. **Nothing seems too good for you to give to your people when they are serving you.** You are a blessing to me so I can bless others. If I cease to bless others, then my own blessing stops. I must be a conduit to Christ.

God my Savior, be my sun and shield, my glory and my defense. How can I be faithless when you have so graciously provided? How can I rebel when you are the light in my midnight? **Preserve me from the perils of joy as well as from the evils of grief.**

With Moses' rod and your own word, you split the rock in the desert. Abundant water flowed from the spot they feared dying of thirst. I know how that Rock pictures the Lord. From him flows a fountain of living water. Make me a channel to deliver it to others today, for it is in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.