

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

<p>MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Isaiah 50-53</i> Monday, July 27</p> <p>Matt. 3:7 <i>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?</i></p> <p>Living Lord, Loving God: I am journeying through a land where a tornado has been. But the rage of the tempest was exhausted on your head, my Savior. There are still a few drops of sorrow falling, but distilled from clouds of mercy. They are not for my destruction, nor for the destruction of my friends who are lost. Far from it—those drops of distress exist to drive them to you for salvation!</p> <p>How terrible to watch the funnel clouds as they form, to see the animals as they scurry. What terror to dread the advance of the front. The wind rushes-in to tear trees from their roots, force rocks from their rests, and collapse houses on our heads. And yet! That is every sinner's present position. They see it coming. Surely they must know judgment is near—as near as the virus of sin.</p> <p>No hot drops of hell have yet fallen, but a shower of justice awaits. The winds do not yet howl, but your truth marches to a tempest. The floods are held back by your mercy. Oh Lord! Open not the floodgates until I get the gospel to _____ and _____. I want to see them clothed in Christ's righteousness before they see you dressed in vengeance on their unrepentance.</p> <p>Where, oh where will any sinner hide their head? Where can they flee? May the merciful work of your Spirit be leading them to Jesus even today! His side, slit by the soldier's spear, is the shelter in the rock.</p> <p>Lord, you know their need of you. May they believe in you and throw themselves on you so the fury can pass-over forever. I must share with them the safe haven I have found in the Savior. Open a door by your Spirit, especially at this time of crisis. Amen.</p>	<p>TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S CROSS Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Isaiah 54-58</i> Tuesday, July 28</p> <p>Luke 23:44-45 <i>And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened,</i></p> <p><i>We'll might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in, When God, the mighty Maker, died for man, the creature's sin.</i></p> <p>Ideas my lost friends consider absurd are foundational truth for me. The doctrine of the cross is foolishness to those who perish.</p> <p>The sun was eclipsed when it was impossible to be eclipsed, it being a full moon at the same time. So Lord, you performed on my behalf. In the agonies of death you accomplished things men and women consider utterly impossible.</p> <p>Luke says the land got dark first, and after that the sun was darkened. The darkness did not begin with the sun; it conquered the sun! Whereas others die, you were obedient unto death (Phil. 2:8). You should taste death (Heb. 2:9). You <i>poured out your soul unto death (Isa. 53:12)</i>. Every part of your being was darkened with “strange shade.” The unnatural darkness outside put a shroud over the special death you were going through. And now as I pray about it, the wonder never ceases. It was indeed “strange fruit,” but marvelous and not monstrous.</p> <p>Everything in human history converges at your cross. It was not an afterthought or an expedient, but exactly fit the providential, foreordained channel through which your grace heals the world's most fatal pandemic.</p> <p>† Luke 1:79 <i>To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.</i></p> <p>Oh how much I need that during this time! Light in the shadow of death, and peace for me and my family. Guide my feet, and help me lead others into the way of peace I have found, which leads to the foot of your cross. Do this for Jesus' sake because he is so worthy. Amen.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Isaiah 59-63</i> Wednesday, July 29</p> <p>John 15:26 <i>But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:</i></p> <p>O God, My Holy Father: Division is our disgrace, our weakness, and our hindrance. Only your gentle Spirit, the heavenly Dove, can prevent and heal disunity by granting me real loving fellowship with you, and then real love and connection to the brethren. How dependent I am on you for that! We all are. I cry to you to work in me a brotherly love, and all other graces that make me one with Christ, and sweet virtues that mold me into the image of Christ. Give me that kind of revival!</p> <p>1 John 2:1 <i>My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:</i></p> <p>Your Spirit is both my Comforter and my Advocate, for how can I do anything perfectly? Your Spirit at this moment sustains my sinking spirit when Satan brings up my fears. Apply these precious promises to my emotional, mental, and psychological state now. Reveal the love of Jesus to my heart. Revive me!</p> <p>My heart would be broken many times over if your Spirit had not comforted. I would have utterly died by the way. This is your work, and a very needed work, because if believers become unhappy they become unhelpful in ministry. Give true unity to us your children spiritually, racially, and preventively.</p> <p>Neh. 8:10 <i>...neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.</i></p> <p>Lord I have to have joy in you, if I am to be strong in you and in the power of your might. Since only the Comforter can bear me up in the midst of the floods of life right now, I have great need of his presence and consoling power today. The best resource I have against an attacking world and a raging Devil is the indwelling Holy Ghost. I rely on his presence today. Amen.</p>
<p>A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Isaiah 64-66</i> Thursday July 30</p> <p>Isa. 6:3 <i>And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.</i></p> <p>Take my heart and help me feel Take my faith and make it real Take my eyes and help me see All the love surrounding me</p> <p>Don't let me go Hold me close to where you are Don't let me go Take my heart, take all of me</p> <p>Take my loss and take my gain Take my trials and take my pain Take my life and let it be All that you would have for me</p> <p>Don't let me go Hold me close to where you are Don't let me go Take my heart, take all of me (x2)</p> <p>Don't let me go Take my heart, take all of me</p>	<p>FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY Chronological Bible Reading: <i>2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33</i> Friday, July 31</p> <p>Acts 8:30 <i>And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?</i></p> <p>Lord and Master: Make us all able teachers of others. If we had a more diligent grasp of the word of God, we would be less apt to be carried away by every doctrinal error or psychological fad. Holy Ghost, you are the author of the Scriptures, and you alone can enlighten us to rightly understand them and get that truth to others.</p> <p>John 16:13 <i>Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:</i></p> <p>Every Sunday we should be asking for your teaching. When the prophet Daniel wanted to interpret the king's dream, what did he do? He set himself to prayer. So let us also, if we want to understand and fulfill your Eternal Purpose. For our own and others' profit we desire,</p> <p>Col. 1:9 <i>...that [we] might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;</i></p> <p>Sometimes prayer may be our best means of study, if it gets us to really meditate on what your word says! Like Daniel, we can understand the vision and the interpretation thereof, but only after we seek you. Help us use the tool of diligence and the knee of prayer, mixed with the mortar of faith.</p> <p>We can force our way through anything in this life with the leverage of prayer! The meditations of our heart are like the steel chisel that gives us a hold on truth, but prayer is the hammer that forces open the chest of mystery so we can reach the treasure within. Lord, make us more adept at preaching, at witnessing, at discussing and at explaining the gospel to others (especially at this crisis hour!) so your will can be accomplished by us. Amen.</p>	<p>SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Nahum 1-3</i> Saturday, August 1</p> <p>Psa. 37:3 <i>Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.</i></p> <p>Dear Lord: Help me today to put “trust” and “do” together, and keep them in the order in which the Holy Spirit put them in <i>Psalms 37</i>. I want to have faith. And you want me to have faith that works. Help my trust empower my doing, because if I trust you for good then I also want to be doing good.</p> <p>I cannot sit still because of trust. I have to expect you want to work by me and through me to others, in all my circumstances and all my days. There is something special you want to accomplish today (I believe that—hence trust), and you want to do it through me (hence do).</p> <p>It is not my job to worry and do evil, but to trust and do good! What is there that I am not trusting you about right now? Is there a relationship I want to grab and hold onto? Is there a job I need? Is there something to be performed? Give me a radical desire to follow radical discipleship to radical transformation, so I neither trust without doing nor do without trusting!</p> <p>Enemies want to move me out of my resting place in faith, but by trusting and doing I will dwell in that land. I will not return to Egypt (the world). I will not be conquered by Amalek (the flesh). I will remain in Emmanuel's land—within the providence of God and the borders of his will. I cannot be so easily gotten rid of as God's enemies all suppose. They cannot push me out, stamp me out, or shut me out, because where God gives me a name and a place, I stand!</p> <p>What about my needs? That is why you added the word “verily.” As sure as your word is true, your people will be satisfied. If it is mine to trust and do, it is yours to do as I trust. Help me not fear, for in Jesus' name I ask it. Amen.</p>

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HOW TO BUILD A BALANCED LIFE

THIS WEEK'S CARE PRAYER LIST

PRAYER DIARY

1) TIME—WORSHIP

Mark 1:35 *And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.*

GIVE GOD THE FIRST PART OF EVERY DAY. The first commitment is to a daily quiet time with God. Our weekly Prayer Diary provides a *template* for daily devotions.

2) TIME—WORK

1 Cor 16:2 *Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*

GIVE GOD THE FIRST DIME OF EVERY DOLLAR—no questions asked. Ten percent is a miniscule amount in our affluent society, but it must come off the top in order to show that God is our priority. We want the blessing of the firstfruits (first devotion, first dime and first day) to flow out to the rest of our resources.

3) TEAM—WORD

Heb 10:25 *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

GIVE GOD THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY WEEK. You should fellowship with a group of believers around the word of God every Sunday in our church.

QUALITY CHRISTIANITY INVOLVES THREE THINGS

- Keeping Christ at the center (your **core** relationship of *worship* to God)
- Keeping the body of Christ a priority (your **congregational** relationship of *walking* with us)
- Basing beliefs and actions on the mind of Christ (your **church** relationship in the *Word*)



MAKING DISCIPLES

Please submit prayer requests and updates online at hbcbluesprings.org or by placing a prayer card in the offering plate. Send updates by Tuesday at Noon for inclusion in the prayer diary. Questions? dhill@hbcbluesprings.org

Bereavement

Families who have lost loved ones during this time
 Lorrie Ann Staicoff – daughter, June Phillips
 Chrissy Ferguson – mother, Logan & Keegan

Pray for Members, Family & Friends

Salvation for Barbara Greufe – mother-in-law, Roselyn's brother
 Erica Stogsdill - daughter in law, Gene & Brenda Stogsdill
 Leona M Brown - mother, Luther & Sharon Brown
 Teri Beasley – sister, Sheri Cathcart
 Cecil Bailey – brother, Brenda Stogsdill
 Sarah Armstrong – daughter, Sallie Armstrong
 Pearl Dorsey – mother, Jackie Dorsey
 Steve Salsbury – father, Mark Chadwick
 Ina Knox – sister, Dave Hill
 Esther Ryan – daughter, Troy & Andrea Ryan
 Helen Keune – mother, Kim Huber
 Barbara Davis – friend, Judy McGill
 James Holmes – friend, Gene McGill
 Mike Graybill – friend, Larry Washington.
 Whitney Bowlin – daughter, Terri Roberts
 Allison Wangler – daughter, Randy & Janet Cross
 Randy Cross – father, Allison Wangler
 Carly Hawn – granddaughter, Jim & Linda Tonty
 David Kesinger – father, Brett Kesinger
 Tammy Gillpatrick – friend, Bill Johnston
 Ch'e Collin Carr – infant grandson, Bernita Tolbert
 Mancilla Family – friends, Noel Ontman
 Calvin Worolow Family
 Drecus & Erica Brownlee – son & daughter-in-law, Joyce Crawford

Active Duty Military

Mark Johnson
 Davaile Durham
 Josh Ryan
 Zion Hotchkins

Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)

Linda Brown - sister, Ronnie Starks
 Tameka Bedell - friend of Starks family
 Brittany Nieves - niece, Jim & Lin Tonty
 Ginger Brown – sister, Elaine Bredehoff
 Bob Newton – brother, Herb Newton
 Noah Mason – 4 years old
 Howie Lynch – uncle, Tylor Lynch
 Buck Stutton – uncle, Jodi Harris
 William Roberts – father, Yolanda Roberts

Beverly Pittman
 Mark Green
 Vicki Hefner
 David Rosetti
 Barbara Greufe
 Esme Mancilla

- INTERCEDE WITH GOD INSTRUCT SAINTS
 PROMPT PETITIONS KICKSTART DEVOTION

INSTRUCTIONS:

Baptists tend to ridicule liturgical churches that use "prepared prayers" because they lack spontaneity. But for many Baptists, their prayers are so predictable they are no more spontaneous than written-out prayers. The result is we end up praying the same things over and over.

This daily Prayer Diary will prompt you on a wide range of prayer requests you might not normally think of, while forcing you to articulate a deeper devotion to God. We have included a daily Bible reading schedule. This plan will take you through the Bible *chronologically* in a year.

Do not read ahead and do not try to catch up. Use each day as it comes. Then you can know that on any given day, dozens of other people are lifting their hearts in the same mind to God. Pray what is written, but use what is prayed as a springboard for your own relationship with God. You learn to pray by praying.

—Alan

Secret prayer is the secret of prayer, the soul of prayer, the seal of prayer, the strength of prayer. If you do not pray alone you do not pray at all. Our Lord Jesus Christ would go nowhere till He had prayed. He would attempt nothing till He had prayed.

"Oh," says one, "I live in the spirit of prayer, and therefore I do not need times and seasons for prayer." And do you think that Christ did not live in the spirit of prayer? Yet He had to have his special time and place to pray. Do not fall under the injurious notion that because your spirit cries to God in prayer all day long, therefore there must not be some season for more immediately coming into God's presence. If you imagine this, I am afraid that it will prove a snare to your feet. The Lord Jesus Christ, who knew better than you do that the main thing is the spirit of prayer rather than the act of prayer, yet Himself retired into desert places to maintain the act and exercise of prayer. Be spiritual. Be baptized into the spirit of prayer. But do not be deceived by the enemy, who can steal a spirit away while we dream that we only spiritualize it. We had better preserve the very bones of prayer—the posture, the time, place—rather than let it all ooze away into an impalpable mental condition. God keep us prayerful. He will do so if He makes us like His dear Son.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1834-92

