

HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH PRAYER DIARY — SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE TIMES 8:30 & 10:00 A.M.

<p>MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Daniel 7-9</i> Monday, September 14</p> <p>Mark 10:21 <i>Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.</i></p> <p>Oh, My Father! Unbelief is a master-carpenter at cross-making, yet no sinner is able to choose his own cross. My self-will wants to be both lord and master, which is why my cross is prepared and appointed by your divine love. Help _____ and _____ – lost in sin though they are – to see their trials at this time as the burden you chose to drive and direct them to Jesus! Oh, that they might bow their shoulder to his easy yoke!</p> <p>Matt. 11:28-30 <i>Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some who are unsaved kick at their cross in bitterness Some who are unsaved fall beneath their cross in total despair Some who are unsaved are always running away from it in fear Some trample on it in vain, as if ignoring it will eliminate it <p>My Father! They need to see Jesus leading the way on their path of sorrow. Surely they could not want a better guide, because if he carries the heavier end, then what more noble suffering could they desire?</p> <p>This is the way of safety to salvation for them. The cross is heaviest to those who remain unbelieving. It is not an iron cross, though their fear paints it in steely colors. Help them take up their cross, and the power of the Spirit of God to bear it, and then fall so in love with Jesus it seems easier to bear in light of the coming glory. Lord, help us follow after your Spirit today. Amen.</p>	<p>TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST’S PRAYER LIFE Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Daniel 10-12</i> Tuesday, September 15</p> <p>John 17:20-21 <i>Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.</i></p> <p>Holy Lord and Savior: The unity you pray for is a different type of bond than the one our politicians impose to create “a more perfect union.” They put straps around the outside. They tie us together with knots, and many are feeling uneasy. But Lord, you put a divine life inside. When I wear the sacred bonds of love, I have unity with ease. Strengthen those bonds between us believers today!</p> <p>If I love Jesus, I cannot pick and choose among his people. I might think the shell in which the pearl lies ugly, or dismiss the dross with which the gold is mingled, but let the true pearl and the precious blood-bought gold be highly esteemed in my sight.</p> <p>1 Pet. 2:5 <i>Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Sometimes I do not see the unity of our church because of the present crisis, and “raw form” of the material. When I look at a pile of stones and a cluster of trees, I do not see unity. But when the trees are planed into boards and the stones are squared, I can start to envision them as a structure. In that same way, develop and build our church up together, Lord, as we grow!</p> <p>Eph. 2:21-22 <i>In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.</i></p> <p>I am out of shape. I am not polished. Make me more and more prepared by the work of Christ for my place in your eternal kingdom. Give me grace for my faith, and my full trust in you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING Chronological Bible Reading: <i>2 Chronicles 36; Ezra 1-3</i> Wednesday, September 16</p> <p>Ezek. 36:37 <i>Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.</i></p> <p>Increase our flock in revival, because this is your promised form of blessing. It was this blessing that all the malice of Pharaoh could not stop. Make us like Israel: we don’t die, we multiply!</p> <p>Psa. 107:38 <i>He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.</i></p> <p>This is what you are willing to be asked for by us, because this is what you want to give us. Increase our numbers as a token of your favor! Visit us by the power of the Holy Spirit so we will increase – not just in numbers – but on every side: financially, spiritually, emotionally, and in every-member ministry.</p> <p>Acts 9:31 <i>Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.</i></p> <p>Make it true of us, Lord! Bring us back to our first love. Turn up the light of the gospel. Give us spirituality at high-tide. Let us not grieve the Holy Ghost! Make us more than just a name, for more than just a minute! One of the blessings we must seek with all our hearts is continual increase in the Harvest. Let me be on the lookout daily for opportunity to sow spiritual seed with that goal!</p> <p>To this promise is attached a condition: <i>I will yet for this be inquired of.</i> You tie the granting of the desire to our prayer for it. Let me plead and inquire so the increase is not withheld. Prayer is the prelude to blessing, and you make it this way in mercy to my soul. It is good for me to pray, so you make it easy for me to desire to draw near. You give me errands I can use for arguments before your throne. Today I knock boldly! Open the windows of blessing. Amen.</p>
<p>A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Ezra 4-6</i> Thursday, September 17</p> <p>Dan. 1:8 <i>But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.</i></p> <p>’TIS so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, and to know, “Thus says the Lord!” O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood; And in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood!</p> <p>Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease; Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.</p> <p><i>Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!</i></p> <p>—Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✠</p>	<p>FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Haggai 1-2</i> Friday, September 18</p> <p>Hag. 1:9 <i>Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.</i></p> <p>My Lord of Hosts: Stingy souls cheat you. They stunt your work because of scanty participation. They put other bills at the top, and by doing so restrict you. But you will not be restricted. And little do they dream how they are impoverishing themselves. Help us Lord, not be like that! The excuse may be we have to care for our families at this time. That is well and good, but our physical family exists to enrich the spiritual family and build up your body. Help us not bring ruin on our home by neglecting the services of your house.</p> <p>Prov. 11:24 <i>There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.</i></p> <p>You have a method in providence by which you make us successful beyond our wildest expectations – you can stretch our paycheck beyond where we thought it would go. You can also defeat our best-laid plans, to our confusion and dismay. We ask you now to steer our ship in a successful channel; do not run us aground in spiritual bankruptcy.</p> <p>Make us generous so you can make us a blessing. Make us prosperous so we can fully participate in your plan. Make us successful, because that is the sign you count us a good steward. We all have to go through times where we have little, materially, but make it much in contentment and peace of mind after we dedicate the appropriate part to you! Selfishness looks first at circumstances; godliness seeks first your kingdom. Make us more godly to open our hand by faith, for that is “great gain.” Amen!</p>	<p>SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Zechariah 1-7</i> Saturday, September 19</p> <p>Psa. 91:4 <i>He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.</i></p> <p>Father God and King: Christ on the cross – what do I see? I learn what my own responsibilities are when enduring distress. Whenever anything distracts, alarms or worries me, let my FIRST reaction be submission to your will. <i>I bow me to Thy will, O God, and all Thy ways adore; And every day I live I’ll seek to please Thee more and more.</i></p> <p>Next, I recognize my SECOND duty as prayer. When I am in the very agony of pain, I do not have to let my mind run loose with bitter grief. I can pray! I must react that way. Abba, your “Father’s heart” is touched by my cry.</p> <p>The THIRD duty I have is to commit myself to you by faith. If I truly give myself to you, then I can trust my life to you. I am in your “protective custody.” I know if I just trust, your grace will reward my faith in a way as yet unseen.</p> <p>FINALLY, I can practice your presence. I recognize you are here in my time of sorrow and danger, and my moment of greatest frustration and fear. I put myself into your hands, just like I would give myself to the care of a policeman or soldier during a time of terrorism or attack.</p> <p>Psa. 140:7 <i>O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.</i></p> <p>Let me do my duty right now. I resign myself to your will. I pray to you as my Father. I commit myself to your care. I rest in a sense of your presence. May the Spirit of God help me, for this is what I see displayed in Christ on the cross. Now that I see Christ, make me more like Christ! Make me more Christlike because I contemplate the cross. Do it for your own glory, Jesus. Amen and 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 hbcblesprings.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@hbcblesprings.org

Bereavement

Families who have lost loved ones during this time
Cecil Bailey – Brenda Stogsdill’s brother

Pray for Members, Family & Friends

Erica Stogsdill - daughter in law, Gene & Brenda Stogsdill	Marilynn Duckett
Leona M Brown - mother, Luther & Sharon Brown	Lillie McClendon
Teri Beasley – sister, Sheri Cathcart	Elaine Bredehoft
Sarah Armstrong – daughter, Sallie Armstrong	Betty McQuerry
Pearl Dorsey – mother, Jackie Dorsey	Ledbetter Family
Forest Newland – brother, Sandy Parker	Donna Phillips
Esther Ryan – daughter, Troy & Andrea Ryan	
Judy Fincher – Step Mother, Sadonna Devany	
Rosland Thomas – Niece, Dorothy William	
Walter & Mary Stickland	
Kynette Campbell – Daughter, Marjorie Major	
Jerree Campbell – Granddaughter, Majorie Major	
Madden Merrill – Great Grandson Marjorie Major	
Dean Stanley – Brother of Lisa Kitley	
Rose friend of Bethany Lapointe	
Pastor Gary Stabb (Home Hospice)	
Jeff Crofford – Brother, Mary Lou Sparks	
Jody Williams (Son of Dorothy Williams)	

Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)

Linda Brown - sister, Ronnie Starks	Beverly Pittman
Tameka Bedell - friend of Starks family	Mark Green
Brittany Nieves - niece, Jim & Lin Tonty	Vicki Hefner
Ginger Brown – sister, Elaine Bredehoft	Melissa Meghee
Bob Newton – brother, Herb Newton	David Rosetti
Noah Mason – 4 years old	John Hefner
Howie Lynch – uncle, Tylor Lynch	Sherri Moore
Buck Stutton – uncle, Jodi Harris	Randy Cross

Active Duty Military

Mark Johnson - Davaile Durham - Josh Ryan - Zion Hotchkins

- 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

