

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

**MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Acts 17-18*  
Monday, November 16

*1 Pet. 2:11* Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

Longsuffering and Living Lord:

I confess, my old nature is at war with you. The fallen, corrupt human of my forefather Adam turns away from you. You redeemed me by free grace, yet my old rebelliousness often rallies and counterattacks. The evil nature still urges me to oppose you, and its lies hinder my progress in your mission of ministry for me.

My prayer today is not only to exalt you with my words, but give you my complete submission of heart. Make me certain I have put **on** Christ so I can get others **into** Christ! Search my heart to settle this beyond a reasonable doubt. Help me be diligent this week to witness correctly and clearly about the terms of the gospel, so people will not deceive themselves into presuming they are saved without really making you their own Lord. Put \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the balance of truth today and weigh their hearts.

My trust is where you want it: even on the passion, righteousness, and person of your dear Son. I have no confidence except in Christ's blood. Yet Lord, if it is a true confidence and a true faith, it will work by love through the opportunities for ministry in Christ's body, my church! It will work by love to witness to those who are lost.

Show me the fruit of my faith. Let me lead a soul to Jesus – soon! Help me find someone to disciple. Give growth in our church and growth in the mission. Let me see many souls turned to you before the end of this year, because **time is short, the need is great, hell is hot, and eternity is long.** Show yourself mighty on my behalf even today, as I trust in you, Lord Jesus. I ask to be used to bring you glory in the midst of this battle. Amen.

**A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Acts 19-20*  
Thursday, November 19

*Rom. 6:23* For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**I** HEAR the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small; Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.”  
For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim,  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And now complete in Him my robe His righteousness,  
Close sheltered 'neath His side, I am divinely blest.  
Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

When from my dying bed my ransomed soul shall rise,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,” shall rend the vaulted skies.  
And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,  
I'll lay my trophies down, all down at Jesus' feet.

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

—Ehima M. Hall, 1865



**TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S LIFE**

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1-5*  
Tuesday, November 17

*† Luke 22:46* And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

Merciful Master:

I am most susceptible to spiritual apathy **when I am most distracted by the world.** Daily troubles must now force me to the throne of grace, not anyplace else. When I am in deep distress I should be more woke than I am now.

Another time is **when I have only half started.** When I climb half way up the Hill of Difficulty and then arrive at a shady bench, that is when I get lethargic.

*Then they came to an arbor, warm, and promising much refreshing to the weary pilgrims; for it was finely wrought above head, beautified with greens, and furnished with benches and settles. It had also in it a soft couch, where the weary might lean. The arbor was called Slothful's Friend, and was made on purpose to allure, if it might be, some of the pilgrims to take up their rest there when weary.* —John Bunyan, Pilgrim's Progress

Do not allow me to shut my eyes and wander in a daze, forgetting all about you, and not noticing all those who are unsaved. Though the sound makes me afraid I have to say, a roaring Devil does a better job keeping me on my toes than a sleeping Satan.

**There is no temptation as dangerous as not facing up to a trial.** When I am under siege I do not sleep; I am on the watchtower. It is often after I gain a peaceful self-confidence that I enter into danger. Help me watch! And pray!

Your disciples fell asleep after they saw you praying. Lord help me not have any false sense of security about my situation. As safe as I have been, I have to stay watchful. I must especially watch in prayer **before** the test comes, praying against it with all my might that you would not lead me into it. But deliver me from the evil if I do ever find myself in it. Help me to so pray today. Amen.

**FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY**

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Corinthians 1-4*  
Friday, November 20

*Psa. 19:12* Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Oh, My Father!

We want perfection. We look at every event of our church and want to be conformed to your will. That makes us walk very gingerly sometimes, and with much brokenness of spirit. Because the more we look into our own lives, the more we see there to lament. In proportion as you make us holy, in that very amount we seem to spy-out more unholiness. We find nests of sin where we never dreamed. Father, cleanse us from secret faults and help us fight back the flesh! We want to drive-back the corruptions of our hearts, up into the hills, O Savior.

*Psa. 51:7* Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

You purged us with hyssop once, and made us clean by the blood of the Lamb. Now wash us with clean water, even as you did to the disciples' feet. Make us *clean every whit*, so we can be fit priests and kings, growing in sanctification daily. Make us a church zealous of good works!

Bless our church, and let nothing appear that would grieve your Spirit. We know there are some among us who walk not according to your word, others that grow cold, some that neglect prayer, others who add nothing to the strength and vitality of our ministries. And Lord, it is so with ALL churches. **Oh, but look on us to make us more faithful!** We will be fruitful when we are faithful. So help us look after the wandering better, and bring back the backsliding ones. We want to restore them, lest they become an occasion of grief to you, and a cause of shame at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Can we not go to the **uttermost** with the message of him who saves to the **utmost**? Help us Lord Jesus, Amen.

**WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING**

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Thessalonians 1-3*  
Wednesday, November 18

*Psa. 73:21* Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

Oh Lord, Gracious Father:

Only your Spirit can pierce the human conscience. So the result of all ministry depends entirely on your Spirit's work. Yet teach me to adapt my praying and adapt my speaking to accomplish your goals. Let me put myself into your hands in actively seeking revival, not in passive apathy. My trust is not just in your word, but in your Spirit who speaks **through** it. May your Spirit use the sword of truth to pierce the hearts lost people today, even as I converse with them.

It is good if they feel convicted by a sense of guilt, because then I can hope they will seek you for pardon. The heart and soul of your life is the atoning, finished-work you performed as a substitute for my sins. **The cross is my starting point for revival.** God have mercy on me today to pierce my heart, to revive my heart, and to cause me to embrace you with all my mind and soul.

Do not let me be a hypocrite! Do not let me turn away. You have exalted to the throne a Savior; I must not turn my back on your Son! Whatever others may think of Jesus, you think everything of him. To others he may be dead and buried, but I know he lives in my heart. No one can shake the truth of that gospel, or rob Jesus of even one beam of his glory. They may refuse your salvation, but you are Savior still, and a great and mighty Messiah! I praise and adore you today.

You were the man of sorrows, but now you overflow with gladness. You reign in three realms: nature, providence, and grace. You are willing to send your Spirit as the witness of your power. I pray for that today. Make yourself both Lord and Christ as I acknowledge your deity, dominion, and divine anointing.

*Psa. 95:6* O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

**SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS**

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Corinthians 5-8*  
Saturday, November 21

*Psa. 93:1* The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Majestic and Mighty Father:

My God reigns! Whatever opposition arises, your throne is unmoved. Whatever turmoil among nations and rebellion among men and women, the eternal king sits above it all, reigning supreme. All things are ordered according to your purpose, and your will is done. So then, why do I have to pray for it to be done (*Matt. 6:10*)? Because you currently allow a rival will in the universe. The Adversary is no match for me, so his will may prevail any given time unless I watch unto prayer and surrender myself voluntarily to your loving control.

Then, once I pray-down your Spirit's involvement by my unfettered free will, nothing but your will shall prevail. When my will becomes nothing more than to do your will, then I have found the secret, the source of all power, for *the LORD is clothed with strength.*

*Isa. 33:17* Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty:

Nothing can give me more joy as a loyal subject than to see my King in his beauty. **The word of this verse, The LORD reigneth, has to be both whispered in the ears of the discouraged, and shouted at my enemies.** You are not clothed with the external symbols of majesty, but with majesty itself. You are the reality of sovereignty. In creation, providence, and redemption, you are King. Strength always dwells with your presence, but you often hide your power until answering my cry. Then you assume the throne and defend your own! It is my prayer today that your reign is evident in my life and your power displayed to others. Then let me follow-up that display with all the force of my testimony and witness to your grace. Let me truly live your mission of ministry. Amen.

HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

HOW TO BUILD A BALANCED LIFE

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) TITHE—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**

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THIS WEEK'S CARE PRAYER LIST

Please submit prayer requests and updates online at [hbcbluesprings.org](http://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](mailto:dhill@hbcbluesprings.org)

**Bereavement**

Families who have lost loved ones during this time  
 Maceo Thompson – Cousin, Fawn Collins  
 Francis “Short” Emery Pritchett – Father, Kay Brockmeyer

**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 Bredehoff
Sarah Armstrong – Daughter, Sallie Armstrong	Betty McQuery
Pearl Dorsey – Mother, Jackie Dorsey	Jeannie Slinkerd
Gail Newland – Sister in law, Sandy Parker	Jim Tonty
Esther Ryan – Daughter, Troy & Andrea Ryan	Shawn Ennis
Judy Fincher – Step Mother, SaDonna DeVaney	Alice Puckett
Allison Wangler (Heart) – Daughter, Randy & Janet Cross	Frank Guerrero
Wayne Scott (Pancreas)	Bart Lockwood
Brooklyn Lee – Baby, Brian and Whitnee Lee	Shawn Ennis
Kevin McCarthy – Nephew, JoAnn Rothatcher	Howey Family
Amy Durrwachter – Niece, Sandy Parker	Judith Cox
Ann Marie Love – Mother, Sherry Trotter	Wanda Saboor
Laurell Starks – Sister in law, Brandon Starks	DeVaney Family
Mike Cardwell – Husband, Sandy Cardwell	
Freddie Jean Webster – Mother, Rodney Webster	
Barbra Davis – Friend, Judy McGill	
Albert Godinez – Uncle, Brandon Godinez	
Judy Godinez – Aunt, Stephen Osborn	

**Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)**

Linda Brown – Sister, Ronnie Starks  
 Tameka Bedell – Friend, Starks family  
 Brittany Nieves – Niece, Jim & Lin Tonty  
 Ginger Brown – Sister, Elaine Bredehoff  
 Bob Newton – Brother, Herb Newton  
 Noah Mason – 4 years old  
 Buck Stutton – Uncle, Jodi Harris  
 Dean Stanley – Brother, of Lisa Kitley  
 Larry Lovelace – Brother, Greg Lovelace  
 Mark Shelby – Brother, Alan Shelby  
 Rose Shelby – Sister-in-law, Dalona Shelby  
 Dennis Harris – Father, Jodi Harris

**Active Duty Military**

Mark Johnson - Davaile Durham - Josh Ryan - Zion Hotchkins

Beverly Pittman  
 Mark Green  
 Vicki Hefner  
 Melissa Mcghee  
 David Rosetti  
 John Hefner  
 Sherri Moore  
 Randy Cross  
 Manuel Estebane  
 Mark Trotter

HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

PRAYER DIARY

- 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*

