

HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH PRAYER DIARY — SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE TIMES 9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

<p>MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER Chronological Bible Reading: Genesis 17-19 Monday, January 11</p> <p><i>† Acts 18:10</i> For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee; for I have much people in this city.</p> <p>Good Lord and Mighty Savior: Give me boldness to witness! You have – even among the most disrespectful and immoral, the most depraved and derisive – a group of people who will get saved. I take the gospel to them because you made me a messenger of reconciliation and eternal life to their lost souls. They are your property; call me now to claim them! It does not matter that they are lovers of liquor or haters of holiness. Lead me to the ones your Spirit is drawing to the cross! Since Jesus purchased their redemption, he should have their hearts, and sooner rather than later. This understanding fuels the urgency by which I go to _____.</p> <p>Father, do you not remember the price your Son paid? Will you let his substitutionary death be ineffective and unclaimed for _____? Maybe someone who should be saved is not yet born again because I have yet not reached them with the quickening word of the gospel in the power of the Holy Ghost.</p> <p><i>John 17:20</i> Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;</p> <p>It is your word through my word that brings life. And since Jesus prayed for them, so do I. They have not yet repented; so let me repent on their behalf. They do not yet believe; so I must believe you for their salvation. The moment may not have struck, but Lord I pray for it today!</p> <p>Jesus claim your own. The Spirit can hardly be withstood when he moves. Make them servants of the living God for Jesus' sake! Amen.</p> <p><i>Isa. 53:11</i> He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.</p>	<p>TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S PRAYER LIFE Chronological Bible Reading: Genesis 20-23 Tuesday, January 12</p> <p><i>John 17:20</i> Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;</p> <p>All-Knowing and All-Wise Redeemer: Every pain in my past, when I see it right, directly bears on my usefulness for eternity. Even those hours of weakness where I grow cold or turn aside. After you restore me, I am able to strengthen my brethren.</p> <p>When I go astray, I dishonor you. If anyone else following me goes astray they do the same. Make me watchful of my younger brethren and sisters so I can help prevent them from being as foolish as I have been. Help me learn tenderness from my own sinfulness, and use the experience of falling to heighten the caution over my own steps, and the concern I have for others.</p> <p>If one member of my church sins, we all suffer – in reputation if nothing else. It seems like Christ's worst wounds are ones he receives in the house of his friends (<i>Zech. 13:6</i>).</p> <p>The more you love me Lord, and the more I love you, the more expensive I find it to sin. Maybe an ordinary sinner sins cheaply, but I sin very costly. Help me live to a higher motto: holiness is the best policy. Faith in Christ and fellowship with his body is the best way to live. If I gain the whole world and lose nothing but my sight of Christ, it is still a bad trade. A very bad trade.</p> <p><i>Psa. 32:8</i> I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.</p> <p>There is heaven in every glance of your eye toward me. There is joy in every word of your mouth. To follow afar off and live at a distance from you will not make my soul perish, but it will surely shrivel my joys and make me unhappy. Today I want to live in your love by obedience. Help me, Holy Spirit! Amen.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING Chronological Bible Reading: Genesis 24-26 Wednesday, January 13</p> <p><i>Job 23:12</i> Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.</p> <p>God spoke to Job. No person will ever come-correct unless God speaks to them. You have the Bible, and God speaks in it and through it, but do not rest in the printed page without discerning its spirit. You have to hear God's voice in the letters.</p> <p><i>Heb. 1:2</i> [God] Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, But, pray this divine Son will speak by the Holy Ghost into your heart. You can make an idol of the Bible by using the mere words as a substitute for God's voice to you. The Book is to help you remember God, but if you get stuck in the print and do not get to God, then you misuse the sacred word. When the Spirit of God speaks a text right into your soul, when God himself takes the promise or the principle and sends it with divine energy into your heart, this is that which makes a person have reverence for God's word.</p> <p>If God speaks but little to us, it is because we are <i>dull of hearing</i>. Revived hearts are never long without a whisper from the Lord. They that keep his ways and hold his steps (as Job did) will hear many of his words directly.</p> <p>What God spoke to Job he treasured-up. It says in the Hebrew that he hid God's word more than he had ever hidden his necessary food (hidden-away in those days to guard from thieves). Job was more careful to store up God's word than to store up his daily meals. He was more anxious to preserve the memory of what God spoke than to gather his harvest.</p> <p>Do you study the word? Do you read it? Oh, how little we search it! Do you meditate on it and suck out its sweets? —C.H. Spurgeon</p>
<p>A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING Chronological Bible Reading: Genesis 27-29 Thursday, January 14</p> <p><i>Rev. 10:6-7</i> [I] swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.</p> <p>LIFT every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.</p> <p>God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee. Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand, True to our God, true to our native land.</p> <p>—James Weldon Johnson, 1899</p>	<p>FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY Chronological Bible Reading: Genesis 30-33 Friday, January 15</p> <p><i>1 Sam. 2:9</i> He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.</p> <p>Almighty and Gracious God: Our way is slippery and our feet feeble. Lord, keep our feet! Yet we know if we pray like this, we do only half our part. Because the best way for you to answer our prayer is for us to give you an obedient faith. It is easy to guard our feet from falling as long as we simply obey you. Prevent us from turning away or turning back, and going off the right path this week.</p> <p>KEEP OUR FEET FROM FALLING so we do not defile our garments, wound our soul, or cause the lost to blaspheme your name.</p> <p>KEEP OUR FEET FROM WANDERING. Keep us out of paths of sin, out of ways of foolishness, out of the courses of this world's culture of carnality.</p> <p>KEEP OUR FEET FROM SWELLING through weariness, or blistering through roughness, or developing hard and painful calluses from the length of the way.</p> <p>KEEP OUR FEET FROM BRUISING. Make our shoes iron and brass, so even though we are called to tread on the edge of the sword or on deadly serpents, we will neither bleed nor be poisoned.</p> <p>KEEP OUR FEET OUT OF THE DEADLY NET of the Devil! Help us not be entangled in his web of deceit, nor by malicious and crafty agents allied to him.</p> <p>With such a promise as this, we will run in your mission of every-member ministry without weariness and walk without fear! He who keeps our feet will do so effectively, and by strength shall no man prevail against us. We will not prevail by strength either, but by your protection, watchcare and grace, won for us by Christ on the cross. Thank you Lord, for silencing the wicked as we work and walk through the dark. In Jesus' name we praise you. Amen.</p>	<p>SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS Chronological Bible Reading: Genesis 34-37 Saturday, January 16</p> <p><i>Psa. 100:2</i> Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.</p> <p>Gracious God and My Father: A cheerful spirit is in keeping with your nature. Help me cherish your acts and be grateful for your mercies this weekend. Your goodness is seen every day, so I should praise you for it all the time.</p> <p>The world will never be right until it shouts and adores God, and neither will I. How long will I be blind to your blessings? My "golden age" will never arrive till I love and honor you with all my heart.</p> <p><i>Serve the LORD with gladness.</i> You are my Lord, you are therefore to be served. You are my gracious God, so you must be served with joy. As I pray, I ought to seek your presence with praises. Singing is a serious thing. Prayer, enveloped in praise, is the only true way of adoration.</p> <p><i>Psa. 100:3</i> Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.</p> <p>Declaring my relationship to you is in itself praise. When I tell others of your goodness I am giving my best devotion. Thanksgiving is like the incense of the temple that filled the whole house with fragrant smoke. Sacrifices for sins have been stopped in this dispensation, but sacrifices of praise will never expire!</p> <p>Lord I thank you, because the innermost court of your spiritual temple is not open to all believers, yet I can enter into that which is within the veil. You expect me to acknowledge this high privilege by singing. Let praise be in my heart as well as on my tongue! Let it be all for you, because it all belongs to you. I bless your name, your character, your person, and your works. I bless you when you take, as well as when you give. Help me bless you under all circumstances, because this is how I master them. I bow before you and rest on your word. 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
 Matthew Hill Jr – Grandson, Dave Hill
 Mary Tackett – Mother, Sandy Fox
 Ina Knox – Sister of Dave Hill
 Carolyn Drury – Grandmother, Sarah Ortiz

Pray for Members, Family & Friends

Erica Stogsdill – Daughter in law, Gene & Brenda Stogsdill
 Leslie & Sandra Washington – Sibling in law, Sharon Brown
 Leona M Brown – Mother, Luther & Sharon Brown
 Pearl Dorsey – Mother, Jackie Dorsey
 Esther Ryan – Daughter, Troy & Andrea Ryan
 Laurell Starks – Sister in law, Brandon Starks
 Freddie Jean Webster – Mother, Rodney Webster
 Aaron Johnson – Son, Rick & Becky Johnson
 Valori Sanders – Daughter, Marjorie Major
 Stephen Solomon – Father, Courtney O’Neil
 Larry Farnham – Husband, Mary Farnham
 Rosie Hill – Wife, Dave Hill
 Leann Venable – Friend, Liz Clary
 Ken Sparks – Father, David Sparks
 Shirley Sparks – Mother, David Sparks
 Linda Greer – Mother, Rich Huber
 Leon Moore – Husband, Heather Moore
 Patricia Farmer – Aunt, Monika Anderson
 Jim Parker – Brother-in-law, Sandy Parker

Marilynn Duckett
 Lillie McClendon
 Elaine Bredehoft
 Jeannie Slinkerd
 Judith Cox
 Carol Clyce
 JoAnn Rothacher
 Sarah Armstrong
 Allison Wangler
 Brenda Stogsdill
 Tom Sansoni
 Dorothy Gibson
 Henson Family

Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)

Linda Brown – Sister, Ronnie Starks
 Tameka Bedell – Friend, Starks family
 Brittany Nieves – Niece, Jim & Lin Tonty
 Ginger Brown – Sister, Elaine Bredehoft
 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

Melissa Meghee
 David Rosetti
 Sherri Moore
 Randy Cross
 Manuel Estebane
 Mark Trotter

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

