MONDAY—<u>EVANGELISTIC PRAYER</u> Chronological Bible Reading: Leviticus 19-22 Monday, February 22

Num. 14:11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have showed among them?

Father God:

You have not changed. You are still an agreement-keeping God, so I thank you for the "New Covenant" of grace. Convict me of the sin of distrust when I question any promise you have given – especially the promise to save!

Num. 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

I am totally ashamed, because afresh I have to confess I have doubted you. Many times I react like a practical atheist, regardless what I say I believe. If I live like I were lost, how can I win the lost like ______, and my friend _____?

Lord, forgive me of that living death. So many of my past years were spent being challenged by Satan, and then failing to respond from a position of faith. Sometimes I even found an attraction in affluence, and a magnetism in materialism apart from you. The pandemic helped that, but my own heart still plays the traitor against you. In grief I confess, I was not content with the things you gave me. I wanted the pleasure of the hour, the vain shadows, the transient temporal dust.

I repent Lord, through your grace. You are my all in all – let me preach it! You showed me my pardon in the wounds of the Lord Jesus, and my soul now puts its trust in him alone. Accept me and forgive me, notwithstanding my previous failures. Beyond that, Father, empower me by your Spirit! Ennoble me with your wisdom. Grant me more grace for the witnessing challenges of this year so Christ will be glorified! These things I ask in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING Chronological Bible Reading: Numbers 3-5 Thursday, February 25

Rev. 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

JESUS is coming to earth again; what if it were today?

Coming in power and love to reign; what if it were today?

Coming to claim His chosen Bride, all the redeemed and purified,

Over this whole earth scattered wide; what if it were today?

Satan's dominion will then be o'er, O that it were today!
Sorrow and sighing shall be no more, O that it were today!
Then shall the dead in Christ arise, caught up to meet Him in the skies,
When shall these glories meet our eyes? What if it were today?

Faithful and true would He find us here if He should come today? Watching in gladness and not in fear, if He should come today? Signs of His coming multiply; morning light breaks in eastern sky. Watch, for the time is drawing nigh; what if it were today?

Glory, glory! Joy to my heart 'twill bring. Glory, glory! When we shall crown Him King. Glory, glory! Haste to prepare the way; Glory, glory! Jesus will come some day.

— Leila N. Morris, 1912

TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S PRAYER LIFE

Chronological Bible Reading: Leviticus 23-25 Tuesday, February 23

Matt. 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Father in Heaven:

You know what will best accomplish your divine design and providential purpose. You never err in the counsel of your will. Let me therefore consent that your will should be done, without any alteration, for you are good all the time.

Your will may cost me dearly, but never let my will go crossways to it. I want my mind to be completely submissive to yours. Even if your will brings me as much bereavement, sickness, suffering or loss in 2021 as in 2020, teach me to say,

1 Sam. 3:18 It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

And do not let my yielding be just surrender; make it true submission. I want to really rejoice in the midst of all the tribulation your will ordains. That is a high goal, but I set myself to reach it by your grace and the help of your Holy Spirit.

Jesus, who taught us to pray, you used prayer yourself. When the bloody sweat stained your face, and the fear and trembling of anguished humanity shook you, you did not dispute God's decree, but bowed your head and cried,

Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

You did not teach us to pray for impossibilities, but you taught us to put the kind of requests into our mouths that can be heard and answered. Father, make my heart tuned to the harmonies of heaven this year, so your will through my life can be perfectly formed.

There is no playing at prayer. In heaven they do your commandments, heeding the voice of your word. Make your will not only preached and sung in my life, but actually done as it is in heaven. For whatever your will may cost me today, it is far less than what it cost your Son. Fulfill it for his sake, I ask, Amen.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: Numbers 6-9 Friday, February 26

Exod. 23:28 And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.

Lord of Hosts and Mighty Father:

Go before us with your mighty army to help us steal every soul from Satan's kingdom of darkness! Fight for your people, Lord. Annoy all our foes, even before we engage in actual battle. Often you confound the adversaries of truth by methods in which we have no participation. The air is full of your mysterious influence. Your hornets harass our enemies when you send us a spirit of revival.

Rev. 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

So help us in your grace, and let us never fear.

Judg. 5:20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

Talk about astrology! The stars in their courses conspire against the enemy of our souls. Everything works together providentially to produce your loving plan. How many times have we marched-off to a conflict only to find no battle to fight? You went before us, and let us reap the gleanings of your harvest!

Exod. 14:14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

Your hornets always accomplish more than our strategic plans. We could never dream of winning the victory the way you do it. Having that knowledge, let us obey our marching orders. We want to go forth to the conquest of hearts, souls and minds for Jesus! What we are expecting to find by faith is that you have gone before us and prepared the way. Beginning right now make us joyfully confess,

Psa. 98:1 O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

In Jesus' name we live with confident expectation of this. Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: Leviticus 26-27; Numbers 1-2 Wednesday, February 24

† 2 Cor. 1:7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

Lord of All Power and Might:

Open your merciful ears to my humble prayers. Make me ask only things that will please you through Jesus Christ the Lord. Then I know I will receive my requests.

You declare your mighty power best in showing mercy and pity – lovingkindness. So grant me such a measure of your grace, that as I run in the way of your will I can attain your promises, and partake in your heavenly treasure. For the sake of our country and community, I need revival. **We** need revival!

You are always more ready to hear than I am to pray, and your tendency is to give more than I desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of your mercy, Lord. Forgive me those things my conscience is afraid to face, and give me those things of which I am not worthy to ask, except through the merit and mediation of Jesus, your Son and my Lord. It is only by your grace gift that I can do true and worthy service to you.

Grant that I may so faithfully serve you today that I do not fail to reach what you desire of me. Give me the increase of faith, hope, and charity, so I can get that which your word says I should have! Make me love what you command, and hate what you forbid. Guard and keep everyone in our church from sin by your perpetual mercy, because our frailty without you cannot but fail. Preserve us by your goodness from all things hurtful, and lead us into all things helpful to spiritual life and growth. Let your continual pity cleanse and defend us. **We cannot continue in blessing without your sustenance**. Preserve us by your help and goodness, for we ask it to Jesus Christ's glory and your eternal praise. Amen.

SATURDAY—<u>IN THE PSALMS</u> Chronological Bible Reading: Numbers 10-13; Psalm 90 Saturday, February 27

Psa. 146:7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:

God and Father of Endless Ages:

I remember. Joseph, Israel in Egypt, Jeremiah, Peter, Paul and Silas, and many others. You have loosed many multitudes, so you can also free me! I have strong holds, but you can break the bars of brass with a word. You can snap my shackles of iron with a look. In a thousand points of a thousand places at once, those who were trapped are walking out into light and enlargement – and new opportunity! Our preachers still proclaim the opening of prison to the bound. So this very Sunday, make doors open and manacles drop to the ground.

Make it so for those I can reach. I want to set people free in Christ! Free from sorrow, doubt and fear. Free from addiction, anxiety and insecurity. I know it is as great a pleasure for Jesus to **use** me as it is for him to **loose** me, and as it is for me to be **free** from that which bound me for so long a time.

I thank you Lord, I do not have to snap iron manacles myself. I trust you to be the Emancipator for me, and through me. I believe you in spite of the stone walls surrounding so many lives. I believe you in spite of the handcuffs. Satan cannot hold us; sin cannot chain us; even despair cannot bind us, if I believe in the Lord, in the freeness of his grace, and in the fullness of his power!

Psa. 107:14-16 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he bath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

I can defy the enemy with the verses above! That is my song of deliverance. Use me in the name of the Lord Jesus this weekend. Amen.



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HOW TO BUILD A BALANCED LIFE

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

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



THIS WEEK'S CARE PRAYER LIST

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

Marilynn Duckett

Jeannie Slinkerd

JoAnn Rothacher

Alan Ramirez family

Doug Cook - covid

Allison Wangler

Brenda Stogsdill

Henson Family

Terry Powers

David Rosetti

Melissa Mcghee

Manuel Estebane

Sherri Moore

Randy Cross

Teri Lindquist - covid

Wayne & Jackie Scott Mark Trotter

Jim Tonty

Jim Carroll

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Bereavement

Families who have lost loved ones during this time Steven Smith - Father-in-law, Marie Solary-Smith Ken Sparks – Father, David Sparks

Pray for Members, Family & Friends

Erica Stogsdill - Daughter-in-law, Stogsdills Leona M Brown - Mother, Luther & Sharon Brown Lillie McClendon Pearl Dorsey - Mother, Jackie Dorsey Esther Ryan - Daughter, Troy & Andrea Ryan Allison Wangler - Daughter, Randy & Janet Cross Laurell Starks - Sister-in-law, Brandon Starks Sarah Armstrong Valori Sanders – Daughter, Marjorie Major Marilyn Pritchett - widow, Kay Brockmeyer's father critical Leslie & Sandra Washington Ken Sparks – Father, David Sparks Shirley Sparks - Mother, David Sparks Linda Greer - Mother, Rich Huber Jim Parker - Brother-in-law, Sandy Parker Jan Parker - Sister-in-law, Sandy Parker Angela Lewis - Widowed wife, Curtis Lewis Michelle Hawn - Daughter, Jim Tonty Kay Brockmeyer Candace Wesley - hospitalized with seizures Gina Jenkins - hospitalized with fluid in her leg Leann Venable

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 Dennis Harris - Father, Jodi Harris

Active Duty Military

Mark Johnson - Davaile Durham - Josh Ryan - Zion Hotchkins

PRAYER DIARY

| ☐ INTERCEDE WITH G | OD INSTRUCT SAINTS |
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| ☐ 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

"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