

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

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: 2 Sam 10; 1 Chron 19; Psalms 20; 53; 60; 75
Monday, May 3

Job 42:10 *And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.*

Lord God and Father:

What a promise to prayer! Truly my ladder is taller than my pit. My longest sorrows have an eventual end, and there is a bottom to the deepest ditch of misery. Rains cannot frown forever; sunny skies will smile. The hurricane season does not last always. Lord, let the floods retrace their paths backward. The night cannot hang darkness over my soul forever. Arise, O Son, with healing in your wings! You turned the captivity of Job; turn-around mine like streams in the desert. Get me un-stuck. Make my life blossom and my passion return again.

Intercession was the sign of Job's return to greatness. It was the rainbow in his cloud. Expand my soul like Job's. Enlarge my life-coast in loving prayer for the lost, and for erring brethren, and show your heart to me by returning revival.

Intercessory prayer is the sweetest incense you receive. What wonders it can produce! In the Bible it stopped plagues, removed darkness that rested over Egypt, drove away frogs that hopped-up on land, scattered lice and locusts, removed thunder and lightning, and stopped your avenging hand on Pharaoh and his people. It healed diseases in the early church. When Moses' sister Miriam was smitten with leprosy for her rebellion Moses prayed, and it was removed. Intercessory prayer even raised the dead, when Elijah stretched himself on the child seven times. And so I pray for _____ and _____ to be saved.

For how many souls has prayer for them been a tool of their eventual salvation? Eternity will reveal it. In one sense there is nothing intercessory prayer has not done, and therefore cannot do. I have a mighty weapon in my hands. Lord, help me use it rightly, constantly, and with faith in Christ Jesus. Amen!

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: Psalms 32; 86; 102-103; 122
Thursday, May 6

Psa. 142:1 *Maschil of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave. I cried unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.*

I MUST tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone; In my distress He kindly will help me; He ever loves and cares for His own. I must tell Jesus all of my troubles; He is a kind, compassionate friend; If I but ask Him, He will deliver, make of my troubles quickly an end.

Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior; One Who can help my burdens to bear; I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus; He all my cares and sorrows will share. O how the world to evil allures me! O how my heart is tempted to sin! I must tell Jesus, and He will help me over the world the victory to win.

*I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone;
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*

—Elisha A. Hoffman, 1893



TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S MIRACLES

Chronological Bible Reading: Psalms 65-67; 69-70
Tuesday, May 4

John 9:6 *When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,*

Oh Merciful Lord:

They just tried to kill you (*John 8:59*)! They picked up stones to condemn you for claiming to be God. But as soon as you saw the blind man you stopped, as if no bloodthirsty foes were following. Your disciples also stopped – but only to ask legalistic questions. How like me, and how unlike my Master! You were always ready to act. The disciples wanted to know **why** the man was born blind, but you wanted to **heal** him from his blindness.

Lord, why do I stop to question and argue over someone's status, affiliation, or even sin, instead of just pointing him or her to the Savior? All the time these days, I speculate about strange providences in my life. But **you are always seeking-out the cure, not the cause.** Anoint my eyes, because if I would only get that remedy, then I would see the world like I have never seen it before.

Humans are born blind. My friends, relatives and acquaintances were born blind. Father Adam put our eyes out. In our natural state we cannot see spiritual things. Our spiritual optic nerve is dead. But you sent your Son into the world. His gospel is despicable to humans – almost like spittle. The thought of it disgusts many hardened agnostics. But Lord, I can put the gospel on the blind eye! Like clay, it seems like it might make them more blind than before but,

1 Cor. 1:21 *...after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

The Holy Spirit is so like Siloam's pool. When we come to you by him, the conviction of sin is washed away. The blind eyes that once saw no beauty in divine things begin to see in a heavenly light. Thank you King Jesus! Amen.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: 2 Samuel 13-15
Friday, May 7

1 Kings 9:2-3 *That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.*

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father:

No matter our level of spiritual maturity, we still need renewed appearances, fresh manifestations, and new visitations from you. We need to walk with you, but we also need your walk with us, in every-member ministry. And while we thank you for the past, and look back with joy to your presence in prior days, Lord we seek a special visitation of your Spirit right now!

We desire to walk in the light of your countenance every day. But even though the ocean has high tides twice a day, it also has **spring tides**. So though we seek to walk with you constantly, give us revival and bring us special seasons where you open your inner heart to us. Manifest yourself beyond what you do to the world – and even beyond what you do at all times to believers.

Not every day are we in the temple. Not every day is a banqueting day and high feast. But give us special days this summer, glorious and clear, where you unveil your glory in our midst. Come to us again in the fullness of your favor.

We seek your second appearances, Lord. We cry to you most fervently to speak a second time. We do not need to get saved over again, but we need to have the windows of heaven opened anew over our heads. **We need the Holy Spirit in special anointing and power.**

What you spoke to Solomon related to his prayer, and as you answered his prayer in a second appearance, so also "show up" in our services. Renew our strength in ministry to you. We ask it for Jesus' sake and on his merit. Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20; Psalm 51
Wednesday, May 5

Rom. 15:16 *That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.*

Lord of Glory, Lord of Grace:

It is when I have to deal with others that I see more clearly my own need of your Holy Spirit. So many times in counseling or conversation, other people's blind eyes overcome my clear presentation. Their stone-cold hearts defeat me. Sometimes they do catch MY idea, but I cannot get into their mind the mind of the Spirit, and the real soul of the gospel, or the secret of Christian growth. That remains (like creation itself) a work of revival that only you can do! Yet,

Psa. 36:9 *For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.*

Lord I pray for power! Lord give me your Spirit, the Illuminator! Come, Light of God, and make the darkness back-up out of here! "Jesus walks," but he does vastly more. You alone can break my personal darkness with revival, and only after you have revived me can I enlighten others in your light.

Sometimes the spirit of a slave slips over me, and I get discontent when I do not receive immediate wages, and visible success. Give me back the spirit of adoption as a child. Let me work without any hope of reward, just for the joy of serving you, and making you happy. Make me satisfied with the sweet fact of doing your will in spite of (and even because of) all opposition.

Give me your Spirit, for your Spirit gives peace, rest, and tranquility in storms. He gives joy, boldness, and fellowship in trials. If I am not presently experiencing that, then I simply need more of Him in revival. **Help me accept the delay of apparent failure as part of the trial I am made to bear, and then provoke me to keep on going.** I can never fail as long as I go forward with you. Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: Psalms 3-4; 13; 28; 55
Saturday, May 8

Psa. 71:15 *My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof.*

Gracious God:

My righteousness is not worth mentioning. Filthy rags are best hidden from view. But your righteousness in Jesus Christ is able to fill the void in my soul.

Phil. 3:8-9 *Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:*

Forever dedicated to you, I am. My glory is to glorify you alone. I am your disciple.

Psa. 71:18 *Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.*

When my physical frailties multiply, then give me greater privileges in the world of grace, to make up for the decline of blessing in the world of nature. Nothing can make you forsake me if I have not forsaken you. Your promise kisses my fears into silence.

Psa. 71:21 *Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.*

Let my life be a record of trust that others can read, for your power is so worthy of praise! The purpose of life for every believer is to work zealously for things that redound (not just re-sound, 2 Cor. 4:15, KJV) to your glory.

Psa. 71:24 *My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.*

You are mighty to save! It is safest to lean on you. Amen.

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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) 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

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

Pray for Members, Family & Friends

Erica Stogsdill – Daughter-in-law, Stogsdills
 Leona M Brown – Mother, Luther & Sharon Brown
 Pearl Dorsey – Mother, Jackie Dorsey
 Esther Ryan – Daughter, Troy & Andrea Ryan
 Allison Wangler – Daughter, Randy & Janet Cross
 Sarah Armstrong
 Marilyn Pritchett – Widow of Kay Brockmeyer's father
 Shirley Sparks – Mother, David Sparks
 Linda Greer – Mother, Rich Huber
 Jim Parker – Brother-in-law, Sandy Parker
 Jan Parker – Sister-in-law, Sandy Parker
 Michelle Hawn – Daughter, Jim Tonty
 Gina Jenkins
 Gene Felton – Stepfather of Tom Wilkes
 Bobby Wisecarver – Nephew of Beverly Guerrero
 Mike Langford – Brother-in-law of Vince Broker
 Pastor Jeff Bartell – New Philly Ohio
 Jordin Johnston
 Mother of Nathan Lane
 Luke Wiglesworth – Employment
 Lee Wendleton – foot issues
 Pastor Alan & Dalona Shelby – safe travels
 Luther Brown – Husband of Sharon Brown
 Jamie Harris – Sister of Jodi Contreras

Marilynn Duckett
 Lillie McClendon
 Jim Tonty
 JoAnn Rothacher
 Allison Wangler
 Henson Family
 Terry Powers
 Lou Morrow
 Ronnie Starks
 Alison Kesinger

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
 Dennis Harris – Father, Jodi Harris
 Manuel Estebane

Active Duty Military

Mark Johnson - Davaile Durham - Josh Ryan - Zion Hotchkins

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