

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

<p>MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER Chronological Bible Reading: Matthew 12; Mark 2 Monday, October 11</p> <p><i>Song of Solomon 5:4</i> My beloved put in his hand by the bole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him.</p> <p>Beloved Lord and Friend: You knocked, but it was not enough. My heart was full of cold and sleep. I am often too ungrateful to rise and open the door. But the touch of your grace can make my soul rouse itself.</p> <p>Oh, touch with grace _____ and _____, so they become conscious of their lost condition, and aware of how your Spirit, seeking and wooing, is drawing them to Jesus. You were shut out and I was asleep on a bed of laziness, yet you were so longsuffering with me.</p> <p>The greatness of your patience, as you knock and knock again. The greatness of your persistence, as you add your voice to your knock. How can I refuse you?</p> <p><i>John 6:44</i> No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.</p> <p>My dishonorable heart should blush and be rebuked. You show the greatest kindness of all as you become your own butler, and unbar the door to souls yourself. Nothing but your own power can save sinners, but please Sir, use my witness as your tool. Use our Harvest Teams as your instruments, because you can open hearts where no argument will.</p> <p>Well may my stomach move for you when I contemplate all you suffered for me. Allow my affections to wander no longer. I have set up rivals and grieved you too much. Cruel sin!</p> <p>What can I do? Tears are a poor show of repentance, Jesus. You forgive freely, but help prevent my unfaithfulness in the future. Purge my heart and bind it with cords to you evermore. I ask this all in Jesus' name. Amen.</p>	<p>TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S LIFE Chronological Bible Reading: Matthew 5-7; Luke 6 Tuesday, October 12</p> <p><i>John 15:7</i> If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.</p> <p>O Lord, Help Me Catch this Thought! Because the best-praying person is the best-believing person. After all, my prayer is nothing but me pleading the promises of God. Prayer is personal utilization of your promises. Prayer not based on the promise of grace has no basis for being answered. I cannot merit your answer, even by hours of prayer. I “inherit” an answer based on laying a believing claim on your promises. You hear, not for my sake, but in answer and to uphold your word.</p> <p>You answer because of the richness of the word, like Jesus says. It is the check I have to present to get cash at the bank. So if I have your words abiding in me, I am equipped with the articles which grab your attention. I can pray right now, because I meet you with your own words, and overcome omnipotence with omnipotence. That makes me want to shout! In proportion as I feed on, retain and obey your word in my life (for that is abiding), then I can master the art of prayer. I can wrestle the Covenant Angel with skill. Amalek will be smitten, Israel delivered, and God glorified (<i>Exod. 17:11</i>).</p> <p>I bow my will today and ask you to teach me what to want. I am not fit to judge apart from your word. If my soul is sanctified in this way, then I know it is safe for you to answer. If I trust in you with all my heart, and refuse to lean on my biblically uninformed understanding, and thereby acknowledge you along the way, you will not fail to direct my path (<i>Prov. 3:5-6</i>). The new nature will become second nature, and spirit-led instincts will guide me right. Grace will conquer all covetous greed and unclean desire. Your Spirit masters me when it partakes of the divine nature by your great and precious word (<i>2 Pet. 1:4</i>). Hallelujah! Amen.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING Chronological Bible Reading: Matthew 8; 11; Luke 7 Wednesday, October 13</p> <p><i>Psa. 45:3</i> Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.</p> <p>O Most Mighty God and Father: Since the Lord Jesus has consented to wedlock with the church as his bride, that very union makes it necessary for him to enter into battle on my behalf. In heaven. Lord, you are in a state of rest. But you see how poor your church does in this spiritual warfare. As Head of your church, assist us to war against sin. Pray for us from the mountain, while we toil in the ship (<i>Mark 6:46-48</i>).</p> <p>You are my almighty Champion, awake yourself on my behalf! How gloriously you went forth with your first disciples. They rode even to death under your leadership.</p> <p>I, on the other hand, have fallen into days of peace and affluence. Affluence breeds apathy, and a false peace which arises from laziness, stagnation, and spiritual death. So I have need to cry to you, the Captain of my salvation, to gird the sword upon your thigh and bring revival. Bring the war-chariot of the Holy Ghost to the battle front for me. Make your enemies know that your power is as great now as ever in ages gone by!</p> <p>Lord, you have a sword. What is it? Certainly it is, <i>Eph. 6:17</i> ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: The Psalmist asked you to gird it upon your thigh. John the Revelator says, <i>Rev. 1:16</i> And ... out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: This sword is a sword of truth to pierce the hearts of sinners and the consciences of saints. No sword wounds like the sword of the Spirit. And no wound heals us like the wounds of the word of God. Wield it now among us! I open myself to you to produce revival. Start with me, for Jesus' sake. Amen.</p>
<p>A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING Chronological Bible Reading: Matthew 12; Mark 3; Luke 11 Thursday, October 14</p> <p>† <i>Eph. 3:20-21</i> Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.</p> <p>AMAZING grace shall always be my song of praise, For it was grace that bought my liberty; I do not know just why He came to love me so, He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.</p> <p>I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary, To view the cross where Jesus died for me; How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul. He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.</p> <p><i>I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary, To view the cross where Jesus died for me; How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul He looked beyond my fault and saw my need. He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.</i></p> <p>—Dottie Rambo, 1968</p>	<p>FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY Chronological Bible Reading: Matthew 13; Mark 4; Luke 8 Friday, October 15</p> <p><i>Jude 20</i> But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,</p> <p>Heavenly Father, and Holy Ghost My Helper: Do we not need a true “theology of prayer?” Prayer is an art which only you can teach us. As the Puritans used to pray: we pray for prayer; we should pray until we have prayed; we pray to be helped to pray, because it is just when we think we cannot pray that we are the most praying.</p> <p>Sometimes it is through liquid prayers (our tears). Sometimes it is not until we have no comfort in praying that our heart is really broken, and only then begins to wrestle in prayer, so it truly prevails with the Most High.</p> <p>Why must it be this way? Certainly you, our God, are not slow to give. Surely not because our praying changes your divine purpose. And absolutely not because you “need to be informed.” No, this method is for our benefit and not yours. You require us to plead, and bring out strong reasons because, <i>Isa. 30:18</i> And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.</p> <p>You wait, because then we will feel the true value of your mercy. You make us seek, because then we attach the proper priority to what we are asking.</p> <p>Oh Lord, if we were not thus constrained to pray, we probably would not even act like Christians! If all your mercies came forth like manna fell, we would grow as weary of them as Israel did of it in the wilderness. This way we get a double blessing: first in the seeking, then in the receiving. So the very act of prayer is a blessing. Bless us this week as we bless you today with our prayers. This is the true sign of a child dependent on the Heavenly Father. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.</p>	<p>SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS Chronological Bible Reading: Matthew 9; Mark 5 Saturday, October 16</p> <p><i>Psa. 110:3</i> Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.</p> <p>Beautiful Savior: You admire holiness (me being set apart to your mission). That sacred service puts me in a state of “eternal youth!” Since you ever live, I can live to grow in grace. Since your strength never fails, I never fail to be strong. <i>The beauties of holiness</i> are my priestly attire, and my garments of glory forever. O Lord Jesus, my security is in you, and therefore I need never be insecure.</p> <p><i>Psa. 110:5</i> The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.</p> <p>This will happen at your Second Coming. You will not sit forever in waiting. One day you will return to enter the fray on my side, and end this weary war by your own victorious presence. Even so, come Lord Jesus! Because when eternal power arrives, all earthly power dies.</p> <p><i>Luke 21:28</i> And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.</p> <p>You will throw your heart into the battle and shorten it in righteousness. My head will be lifted in victory as it is lifted in your glory. You passed this way once, Jesus. But that was when you were burdened with the serious work of your first coming, which was Calvary. In your second advent it will be an easy victory.</p> <p>You reign now, before the Father's throne. Oh, that you would come even today to rule on this blue orb, which rightly belongs to you! Come claim and redeem what you purchased by your own blood. We love you, adore you, and worship you for you deserve it. Bring with you the victory over life that you won in your death. Do it even now, Lord Jesus. Amen.</p>

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) 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

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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

Bereavement

Families who have lost loved ones during this time

Pray for Members, Family & Friends

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| Erica Stogsdill – Daughter-in-law, Stogsdills | Lillie McClendon |
| Pearl Dorsey – Mother, Jackie Dorsey | Jim Tonty |
| Esther Ryan – Daughter, Troy & Andrea Ryan | Terry Powers |
| Linda Greer – Mother, Rich Huber | Ronnie Starks |
| Gene Felton – Stepfather of Tom Wilkes | Kimberly Stalanker family |
| Jamie Harris – Sister of Jodi Contreras | Sarah Armstrong |
| Bess Wadleigh – Mother of Teresa Ontman | Verla Baker |
| Donna Harris – Mother of Jodi Contreras | Glenda Selectman |
| Jim Ogle – Grandfather of Garrett Ogle | Rodney Selectman |
| Bernita Tolbert – knee surgery recovery | Jennifer Sisk-Ritz |
| Cheryl Laird – Daughter of Marilyn Duckett | Jason Noel |
| Glenda Williams – Sister of Marjorie Major | Allison Wangler |
| James Holmes – Friend of Gene McGill | Vicki Fredrick |
| Cindy Huckabay- Mother of Jessica Card | Bob & Karen Matthews |
| Arvil Johnson – Father of Teresa Burton | Mark Harris |
| Robbin Herron – Mother of Teresa Burton | Sean Mayer |
| Fred Tonty – Brother of Jim Tonty | |
| Vickie Stanley – Sister of Lisa Kitley | |
| Jim Ballenger – Guerrero family | |
| James & Clarice Archie – Parents of Stephanie Archie | |
| Carletta – Sister of Sandra Cardwell | |
| Kristen & Mark Harris – Family of Jodi Contreras | |
| Luther Brown- Husband of Sharon Brown | |
| Karen Green – friend of Rick Brockmeyer | |
| Michael Mitchell – friend of Rick Brockmeyer | |
| Shannon Griggs – friend of Jodi Contreras | |
| Cheryl Dangerfield – friend of Judy McGill | |
| Eunice Ballinger – Guerrero Family | |

Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)

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| Linda Brown – Sister, Ronnie Starks | Leann Venable |
| Tameka Bedell – Friend, Starks family | Noah Mason – 4 years old |
| Brittany Nieves – Niece, Jim & Lin Tonty | |
| Ginger Brown – Sister, Elaine Bredehoft | |

Active Duty Military

- Mark Johnson - Davaile Durham - Josh Ryan - Zion Hotchkins

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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