

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

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *Matthew 10; 14; Mark 6; John 6*
Monday, October 18

2 Cor. 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Son of God and Holy Savior:

First, I know that grief over guilt is the work of the Spirit of God. Repentance does not come to me naturally. Like a pearl in an oyster, repentance will never show up in me – or in any other sinner– until your Spirit sparks it. Give _____ and _____ a particle of real conviction for their sin, so your grace can be received and save them.

Second, the only reference point for true repentance is you. To truly repent of sin I have to have one eye on the cross. Help _____ and _____ fix both eyes on Christ and see their transgressions in the light of his dying love.

Third, true sorrow for sin is always practical. No one can say they hate sin and still live in it. Repentance will make _____ and _____ see sin’s evil experientially, like a child dreads a hot burner. Make us as afraid of sin as the person who just got mugged is wary of being robbed again. Help me to shun sin, not just in big matters, but in little ways as well.

Fourth, mourning for sin will make me jealously guard my mouth! I will watch my tongue and evaluate my actions, until at night I can close my confessions with the anxious prayer that God would hold me up, so that I might not sin against him. Truly, *lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

Last, sincere repentance is a continual process. I will have things to repent of till my dying day. Every other sorrow may stop in time, but **this sorrow grows with my growth in grace.** It is a bittersweet, and I thank you God, that I can enjoy it. Forgive me of my sins even as you save _____ and _____ out of theirs. Do it because Jesus purchased this on the cross for them. Amen.

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Matthew 17-18; Mark 9; Luke 9*
Thursday, October 21

2 Sam. 12:13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

AMAZING grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
But God, Who called me here below, shall be forever mine.

—John Newton, 1779



TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST’S LIFE

Chronological Bible Reading: *Matthew 15; Mark 7*
Tuesday, October 19

Luke 12:50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

Holy Lord and Savior:

Being fully human, you escaped none of the pains of death allotted to men and women like me. You are indeed *God with us* everywhere (*Matt. 1:23*), including the accident scene, the murder location, and the hospital bed.

You were so truly human that all my griefs remind me of you! How near akin I am to the anxiety of Gethsemane, the beating of Gabbatha, and the mocking at Golgotha. **Let pain make me love you more and more.**

There was an infinite distance between your throne and your crown of thorns. A river of living water proceeds from that throne, yet the thorn-crowned brow condescended to say,

John 19:28 *I thirst.*

You placed yourself for my sake into a position of shame where none would help you, and most would not even look at you. Glorious humiliation for our exalted Head! O Lord Jesus, I love and adore you. I will lift your name on high in grateful remembrance of the depths to which you descended.

Neither in torture of heart nor infirmity of body am I deserted by you, Lord. My line is parallel with yours. The tip of the spear which just pierced **me** was first stained with **your** blood. The cup that I drink right now, though very bitter, bears the print of your lips around its brim.

Shame? Suffering? Injustice? Misunderstood? Misused. Abused? Use this to bring me into deeper sympathy with Christ. My tears are the bread of heaven to strengthen me for the time of conflict. I will be able to win in battle because I have endured in trial. So give me such grace even this week. Amen.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *John 7-9*
Friday, October 22

Dan. 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

O Holy Father:

Some practices of spiritual life are not absolutely essential, but prayer is the essence of our spirituality. How will we accomplish your mission if we do not pray? Prayer draws-down your ear when you seem to stand far away. Prayer breaks down the walls of seeming coincidence, and turns our entire life’s journey into a play directed by Providence.

Dan. 6:3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

An excellent spirit, abundant in prayer. Can we be the same? As Daniel remembered his people who were in exile, we are called to remember those who are in bonds. How many there are in prison who need to be prayed for. It grieved Daniel that his city was laid waste. Does it grieve us that the destroyer, drug dealer, substance abuser and sex trafficker stalks our streets? Oh that we might have listened at Daniel’s keyhole and heard his intercessions!

Daniel mingled thanksgiving with all his prayers. We have such poor and pitiful devotion when we are always receiving, but never reflecting a grateful attitude. Prayers in which there is no thanksgiving are surely selfish things.

Prayer and praise are the process by which we accomplish your plan. Prayer drinks in deep breaths of grace and love, and praise breathes it out again. When sincere desires and longings are mingled with adoration, it forms a sweet incense of many spices. Daniel was exalted to worldly prosperity, but he knew that he could stand in it only by prayer. Make us dare to be a Daniel! Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Matthew 16; Mark 8*
Wednesday, October 20

Isa. 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;

Loving Christ and Glorious Lord:

There are those in other religions who torture themselves, thinking that through discipline and self-mutilation they can win your satisfaction. In all parts of the planet there are those who think the misery of their body can be an atonement for their sins. Yet, *It is finished.* And all the pain of punishment that God can ask, you have suffered for me.

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Lord, I dare not pin my filthy rags to the fine linen of Christ’s righteousness. But instead, I trust through my faith in the cross, that his righteousness is applied to me! My account now contains his obedience in my place. My sin was put on him and taken away, never to be remembered again.

I cannot (and no one can) improve on what Christ has finished. The cross made the work of salvation complete. From henceforth, you see my sins in order to remove them, but not to lay them to my charge. Even my righteousnesses are like filthy rags to you, but all the filthy rags are mine no longer. I have your righteousness Jesus, by renouncing my righteousness, and trusting in your precious blood alone, shed on the cross.

Make me clean within. There is a bath of water whose faucet flows from the wounded side of Jesus. My shame is washed away as well as my guilt, and for this I praise you in prayer. So eternal Spirit, come down and fill my soul, though I hate myself today. In Christ I am a new creature because of his cross. I claim that and all it means, because it glorifies Jesus for me to do so. Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *Luke 10; John 10-11*
Saturday, October 23

Psa. 111:1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

Lord and Redeemer:

Let me now put away all doubt, questions and complaining (for these things are really all rebellion) and give myself to praising you both with my life as well as my lips. The best way to make my witness effective to the unsaved is to give people an example of a saved life. If I do not set a good example, then I become a leader in teaching others to do badly. Oh Lord!

David brought you nothing less than his whole heart. All his love went out to you, and his zeal, skill and passion went with it. Likewise, I cannot praise you acceptably if I have divided affections. What (or who) is distracting me, and pulling my heart away from you right now? My all is so small, that it dishonors you for me to give any less. Since all your works are praiseworthy, I need to adore you with all my being. Make it so, Jesus! Praise is always proper, and my **heart needs to be ready for a hallelujah any time and in every place.**

Psa. 111:2 The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

Your works are all great in design, in size, in number, and in excellence. Even your little things are great! Each of the productions of your power and works of your wisdom are great to those who are wise in heart.

I love you, so I absolutely delight in what you have done. I recognize that there is more to it than what meets my eye. Help me study and understand everything, especially the painful parts. Like the biologist ransacks nature, and the historian pries into hidden facts and mysteries, so help me dig into the mine of scripture to store-up precious gems of truth. Do it for Jesus’ sake. 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

Bereavement

Families who have lost loved ones during this time
Shelton Cotton – husband of Janice Chambers Cotton

Pray for Members, Family & Friends

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	Joyce Ozturk
Vickie Stanley – Sister of Lisa Kitley	Allison Wangler
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	
Grace Brown – Mother of Kevin Brown	
Bill & June Phillips	
Leah Alley – Wife of Dale Alley	
James Berry – Friend of Jodi Contreras	

Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)

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

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

