

**MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER**

Chronological Bible Reading: *James 1-5*  
Monday, November 15

† **Jude 24** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Almighty God and Savior:

Faultless! I am far from that now, but since you never stop short of perfection I know you will bring me to reach it when I see you. I thank you for keeping me to the end, so you can present me at the last.

**Eph. 5:27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Oh Jesus, that you would also make \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ faultless by washing them in your own blood until they are as beautiful as the purest angel before the throne. May they see their sin, believe the gospel, and come to you to be clothed in your righteousness, making them positively faultless and perfectly flawless in the sight of God.

**Col. 1:21-22** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouceable in his sight:

Your law not only has no charge to lay against me, but should actually be magnified by me. Moreover, the work of the Holy Spirit inside me should make perfect holiness so that he takes away my propensity to sin. Make my judgment, my memory, my will – and every passion – emancipated from the power of evil.

Oh to be in heaven together with friends. Sin gone, Satan shut out, temptation past, and myself faultless before the throne. My beauty will be as great as that of the place you are preparing for me (*John 14:2*).

Thank you Lord Jesus, for all you did on the cross to reverse the curse, and give me eternal life by faith in you. I thank you for your grace today. Amen.

**TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S CROSS**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Acts 15-16*  
Tuesday, November 16

**2 Cor. 5:21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Gracious God and Heavenly Father:

Help me contemplate again Christ in his sayings on the cross. First is his fellowship with men: *Father, forgive them*. He stands with the sinners who crucified him and tries to make apology for them, *For they know not what they do*.

Next is his Kingly power as he opens heaven's gate to the dying thief, *To day shalt thou be with me in Paradise*. Third, I see his human relationships. How near of kin he is to me, as even in his death throes he thinks of his mother and says, *Woman, behold thy son*. He is more a human than any man has been.

I see him next, taking my sin saying, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* Let me never forget it was because he bore my sin that he was forsaken by God (*2 Cor. 5:21*). I behold him in the fifth cry saying, *I thirst*. There he takes not only my sin but steps into my suffering, and all the infirmity and limitations of my physical nature and flesh.

But if I want to see his fullness as well as his weakness, and his all-sufficiency as well as his sorrow, I need to listen to him cry, *It is finished*. The Son has drained-dry the bitter cup of gall which the Father gave him. There is not a penny to be added to the ransom price. Jesus paid it all! And if I want to see how he reconciles me to himself because of that completed redemption, I behold him taking me with him as he draws up this last word, *Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit*. Christ goes **back** to the Father, and I can **come** to the Father, because *It is finished* on the cross.

Seven sayings from the cross. A harp of seven strings. Nether time nor eternity are able to gather all the music out of them. Praise the Lord! Amen.

**FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY**

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Thessalonians 1-3*  
Friday, November 19

**Neh. 2:4** Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

Glorious Lord and Master:

Nehemiah prayed for months about the ruined walls of his Jerusalem. Day and night, grief at the distress of God's city was written on his heart. With one single passion for God's mission to build a kingdom, you sent Nehemiah an opportunity. The king queried what Nehemiah wanted to do for Jerusalem. The question was not followed by an immediate answer, but by an exclamatory prayer!

This is not the prayer that stands knocking at mercy's door. No, this was the concentration of many prior knocks into one hard blow. Like a battering ram, it happened between the king's question and Nehemiah's answer. It was an interval not long enough to be noticed, yet long enough for God to notice. We seek right now to obtain similar guidance from you, as Christ's body and your church.

It says Nehemiah was *very sore afraid* at that moment. He offered his prayer like a flash of electricity. It was done intuitively from spiritual instinct. And it was a prayer which prevailed with you.

We know this was a silent prayer. In the inmost shrine of his bodily temple – in the holy of holies of his secret soul – there did Nehemiah make a choice to pray. Short and silent, it was effectual, fervent “prayer on the spot.”

He did not go into his chamber like Daniel did. Daniel was right, but this was a different situation. He did not turn his face to the wall like Hezekiah did. But there and then – with king's cup still in hand – he prayed to the God of heaven.

Oh Lord, give us such grace! Make our prayer both intense and direct. We know who we are praying to, *God of heaven*. So we are going straight for the thing we know you want us to accomplish: bring glory to yourself. Amen.

**WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Acts 17-18*  
Wednesday, November 17

**1 Sam. 18:14-15** And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him. Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

Dear Lord and Master:

It does me no good to say I believe in the principle of amazing grace if I practice ungodliness. If I want to talk to others about your grace, I have to make sure that I feel its full power to restore, renew, and revive me myself. If the grace of God does not go so far as to save me from drunkenness, lustfulness, lies and lewdness, or even from slandering and scowling at others, then the grace I talk about is very different from the grace God really bestows. If I can talk about grace and still walk in sin, then either my judgment is off or I am really not saved.

The grace of God comes into my life freely, but it comes to make me different in character. I am not saved by works, because it is all of grace. And yet that is not quite the language used regarding David. You were with him as he behaved. So if good works do not follow my faith, my faith needs to be revived.

My need for power means a need for prayer. Many of the Bible's writers interweave their word **from** you with a word **to** you. Constantly I catch them underlining a principle with a prayer! So just like the lumberjack stops to sharpen his chainsaw without loss of time overall, stopping to pray will make me faster in my busy-ness.

Lord, I want to be wise. Come teach me! I want to behave wisely. Holy Spirit, come sanctify me! I do not know how to act until you show me. I need the influence of your grace to guide me in your ways, because that is true revival.

Come and assist me. If there is any holiness to which I have not attained, lift me up to it. And do this to the glory of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

**SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Acts 19-20*  
Saturday, November 20

**Psa. 119:1** ALEPH. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

Almighty Father:

Here in the longest Psalm I find food for my deepest thoughts on you and your word. It challenges me to wider thinking and higher passion. It is a song like the celestial city, which lays foursquare (*Rev. 21:16*). The more I study your word, and pray as I study, the fresher it becomes. The more I look into this mirror, the more I see my own heart becoming gracious.

Lord, this Psalmist sets your word in many lights and treats it in different ways, but he almost never fails to mention the word of God in each and every verse. It appears under one of the ten names by which he knows it.

Here, cause me to follow you sincerely, intently and completely so I will be preserved from defilement (1). I seek you with my whole heart so you can enable me to keep your testimonies (2). You have commanded a holy walk, so keep me back from iniquity (3). Bless and give me a practical holiness (4). Give me more direction toward keeping your statutes (5). My comfort and courage depends on respecting your commands, because only then will I stand unashamed at your appearing (6). Even while I am learning your word, my heart will be full of thanksgiving (7). Give me enabling grace so I will not miss your blessing (8).

I am enraptured Lord, with your word! It is divine revelation. I regard being conformed to it in my daily life as the highest form of blessing. Holy Father, help me in this walk to progressive sanctification. Even though it will not be complete in this life, let me compete in this life making it grow greater every day, every week, every month that I breathe. Holiness only comes by my alliance to your Holy Bible and the operation of your Holy Spirit. So help me now by these. Amen.

**A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING**

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1-5*  
Thursday, November 18

**Rom. 11:25-26** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved:

**T**HERE is coming a day when no heartaches shall come  
No more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye.  
All is peace forevermore on that happy golden shore,  
What a day, glorious day that will be.

No more sickness, no pain, no more parting over there;  
And forever I will be with the One who died for me,  
What a day, glorious day that will be.

*What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see,  
And I look upon His face,  
The One who saved me by His grace;  
When He takes me by the hand  
And leads me through the Promised Land,  
What a day, glorious day that will be.  
What a day, glorious day that will be!*

—Jim Hill



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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](http://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](mailto:dhill@hbcbluesprings.org)

**Bereavement**

Families who have lost loved ones during this time  
Jose P. Contreras – Father of Joe Contreras

**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               | Jennifer Sisk-Ritz        |
| Bernita Tolbert – knee surgery recovery              | Jason Noel                |
| Cheryl Laird – Daughter of Marilyn Duckett           | Allison Wangler           |
| Glenda Williams – Sister of Marjorie Major           | Bob & Karen Matthews      |
| James Holmes – Friend of Gene McGill                 | Mark Harris               |
| Arvil Johnson – Father of Teresa Burton              | Sean Mayer                |
| Robbin Herron – Mother of Teresa Burton              | Joyce Ozturk              |
| Fred Tonty – Brother of Jim Tonty                    | Allison Wangler           |
| Vickie Stanley – Sister of Lisa Kitley               | Lisa Cueto                |
| Jim Ballenger – Guerrero family                      | Logan Stephens            |
| James & Clarice Archie – Parents of Stephanie Archie | Shantz' Grandchild        |
| Carletta – Sister of Sandra Cardwell                 | Willie Broker             |
| Kristen & Mark Harris – Family of Jodi Contreras     | Dorothy Williams          |
| 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               |                           |
| Sherri Wash – Sister of Rodney Selectman             |                           |
| Loretta Broker – Aunt of Vince Broker                |                           |
| Glenn & Debbie Crossland                             |                           |

**Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)**

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

Leann Venable  
Noah Mason – 4 years old

**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*