

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

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Corinthians 1-4*
Monday, November 22

Isa. 36:5 I say, sayest thou, (but they are but vain words) "I have counsel and strength for war": now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

Almighty God and King:

This is an important question for anyone. *Now on whom dost thou trust?* Oh, that _____ and _____ would listen to my answer and make it theirs!

I trust you, Father, believing you chose me from the foundation of the world. I trust you to provide for me in providence, teach me in scripture, guide me by your Spirit, correct me by your counsel, and bring me home to your house where so many mansions are (*John 14:2*).

I trust you, Son of God, believing you took away all my sins by your own sacrifice. Clothe me with your perfect righteousness. Be my Intercessor, to present my prayers and desires to the Father on his throne. Be my Advocate against the Accuser. Justify me by your own blood. I trust you for who you are, for what you have done, and for what you promise to do with me!

I trust you, Holy Spirit, because you not only save me eternally, but started saving me right now from systemic sin. I trust you to drive it out. I trust you to curb my temper, subdue my will, enlighten my understanding, check my emotions, comfort my depression, help my weaknesses, and illuminate my darkness. I trust you to dwell in me as surely as I have life animating me. Reign as my King! Sanctify me completely in response to my complete consecration. Make me yours: spirit, soul, and body – now and forever – heart, soul, mind and strength.

Help me witness to someone who will trust the One whose power will never be exhausted, love will never wane, kindness will never change, faithfulness will never fail, wisdom will never be confused, and goodness can never be diminished. Happy is that person whose trust is in you today! Amen.

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Corinthians 12-14*
Thursday, November 25

Eph. 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Jesus is all the world to me: My life, my joy, my all.

He is my strength from day to day; without Him I would fall.

When I am sad, to Him I go; no other one can cheer me so.

When I am sad, He makes me glad; He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, my Friend in trials sore.

I go to Him for blessings, and He gives them o'er and o'er.

He sends the sunshine and the rain; He sends the harvest's golden grain:

Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain – He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, and true to Him I'll be.

Oh, how could I this Friend deny when He's so true to me?

Following Him I know I'm right; He watches o'er me day and night.

Following Him by day and night, He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend.

I trust Him now; I'll trust Him when life's fleeting days shall end.

Beautiful life with such a Friend; beautiful life that has no end!

Eternal life, eternal joy, He's my Friend.

—Will Lamartine Thompson (1847-1909)



TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S CROSS

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Corinthians 5-8*
Tuesday, November 23

Psa. 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Father God and King:

Christ on the cross – what do I see? Gazing on hi there, I learn my own responsibility when facing any distress. When anything distracts, alarms or worries me, let my first reaction be to resign myself to your will, just as he did (*Matt. 26:39*)

I bow me to Thy will, O God, and all Thy ways adore;

And every day I live I'll seek to please Thee more and more.

Next, I recognize my second duty to pray, as he did. When I am in the very agony of pain, my mind does not have to run loose with bitter grief. I can pray! **I must react that way**, because your "Father's heart" is touched by my cry.

The third duty I have is to commit myself to you by faith. If I have truly given my **self** to you, then I can trust my **life** to you. I am in your "protective custody." I know that if I trust, you will reward my faith by grace, in a way yet unseen.

Finally, I can practice your presence like he did (*Luke 23:46*). I recognize that you are here in my time of sorrow and danger, in my moment of greatest frustration and fear. So I commend myself into your hands just like I would to the care of a policeman or soldier during a mass casualty event or time of attack.

Psa. 140:7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

Let me do my duty right now. I resign myself to your will. I pray to you as my Father. I commit myself to your care. I rest in a sense of your presence. May the Spirit of God help me, for this is what I see displayed in Jesus on the cross. Now that I see Christ, make me more like Christ! Make me more Christlike because I have contemplated the cross today. Do it for your own sake and glory. Amen.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Corinthians 15-16*
Friday, November 26

1 Kgs. 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.

O Lord Our God:

No matter what level of spiritual maturity we have, we need fresh manifestations and new visitations from you! It is right for us to thank you for the past, and look back in joy at your visits in earlier days, but we seek you for a special appearance this fall, and your renewed presence right now.

We seek to daily walk in the light of your countenance. But while an ocean has its high tides twice a day, it also has its spring tides. The sun does shine even if we do not see it, and though there is winter fog, there is also summer brightness. We walk with you constantly, yet there are special occasions – like during the holidays – where we pray for a special visitation, where you open your heart and manifest yourself and let us see your glory.

Not every day in a palace is a banquet or feast. Not all days with God are so clear and glorious as certain special conferences and services. We are happy how we beheld your face in past Thanksgivings, Christmases and New Years. We are happier still if you will come to us once again **in the fullness of your favor, in the freshness of your power, and in the moving of your Spirit** among us.

We seek your second appearance! We do not need to be **saved** again, but **speak** to us again. We need the windows of heaven opened one more time! We need the Holy Spirit to drop down, and renew our strength in your mission. We ask that – just as you did for Solomon – you would answer our prayer with a second appearance, a "second wind." Do this for Jesus' sake and glory. Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Corinthians 9-11*
Wednesday, November 24

1 Kgs. 11:4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

Holiness Is What I Long For!

It is a sad thing when a Christian does not open the sacred precincts of his heart in his own house. He or she is profane if he has not set aside a sanctuary in his heart. At work I may be among rivals, but surely I should be revived at home!

A house is better if it has a heart inside. Is my home revived? Does my family feel like I have God's heart inside me? When I greet my friends, do they see a soul which goes beyond self, and is enlarged in its spiritual vision, and inspires others into ministry for Jesus? Give me such a heart! for this is the benchmark of revival.

My heart must be right, but my heart also has to be expressed. How many of my friends fail in this. Some people walk like saints abroad, but it is like living with the Devil to dwell with them at home. Why? Because there is contentiousness, backbiting, jealousy, rage, evil speaking.

But I am what I am at home. That is the crucial test of character, and true revival. If I do not make my family happy, and my example at home is not holy, then I am a failure of the first order and of the worst kind. My witness is worthless if not always working.

The sooner I stop that false profession the better! I need to admit who I am in Christ, and seek you with humility in a spirit of repentance. **Because it is at home where lack of revival does the most damage.** The world is not as much influenced by a hypocrite as my family is damaged by having one inside it. And worse than **criticizing** me, my children might end up **imitating** me! For their character will be fashioned on my inconsistent pattern. Help me, Lord! Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Corinthians 1-4*
Saturday, November 27

† *Psa. 119:11* Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Holy Lord:

I am full of passion, weak in wisdom and wounded by experience. How can I get right and keep right so I will be right and stay right? There is no more important question I can ask.

It is a noble ambition. It is your high but certain calling. Yet nothing is harder for me than to stay straight in a crooked world, from corrupt flesh, with a deceitful heart. I cannot shirk the responsibility or shrink in the face of difficulty. **The only way of wisdom is to live a pure life by grace.**

Make the Bible my chart, and help me watch unto prayer (*1 Peter 4:7*). Nothing prohibits that, and nothing eliminates my need for it. I have to be like you. This is exactly what you did, though you were all the fullness of the godhead bodily.

Neh. 4:9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

Make my daily life match my study of the Bible. Make my study of your word mold and shape my daily activity. Let me take heed to the Holy Spirit, because no one is holy without him. I have such an accurate roadmap of your will, I need never go astray. Help me follow the hard but right way.

I want to be holy, for you are holy (*1 Peter 1:15-16*). So let me set a holy watch in my heart. Let me keep a holy Bible in front of my eye. Meditating on your word is the best preventive medicine, and I need it so! It gives me your mind, empowers my spirit by the Holy Spirit, and brings my character into conformity to Christ.

No gimmick against sinning is equal to simply storing your word in my heart. There is no hiding from temptation unless I hide scripture in my soul. So lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil in Jesus' name, Amen.

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

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

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
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 | Allison Wangler |
| Jim Ogle – Grandfather of Garrett Ogle | Karen Matthews |
| Bernita Tolbert | Lisa Cueto |
| Cheryl Laird – Daughter of Marilyn Duckett | Shantz' Grandchild |
| Glenda Williams – Sister of Marjorie Major | Dorothy Williams |
| James Holmes – Friend of Gene McGill | Holly Baker |
| Arvil Johnson – Father of Teresa Burton | Haley Baker |
| Robbin Herron – Mother of Teresa Burton | |
| 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 | |
| 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 | Leann Venable |
| Tameka Bedell – Friend, Starks family | Noah Mason – 4 years old |
| Brittany Nieves – Niece, Jim & Lin Tonty | |
| Ginger Brown – Sister, Elaine Bredehof | |

Active Duty Military

Mark Johnson - Davaile Durham - Josh Ryan - Zion Hotchkins

HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

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