

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

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 8 & 104; John 1*
Monday, January 3

Col. 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

True God and Glorious Lord:

My hope in you for the future is the foundation of my joy this New Year. When I think about heaven it brings passion to my life on earth. How could I do anything halfhearted once I realize where I am going and what you have planned? Here I am, weary and worn, but heaven is a place of rest where work does not stop, yet the fatigue of work ends. Rest does not mean sleeping, but it means not straining and laboring in my working. Now that's the heaven I need!

Give me an open door of opportunity to share the gospel of that place with _____ and _____ at some time this week (at least during this year). They are hurting and exhausted. Heaven should be a place of rest for them.

In the mean time I am in the field of battle. I am tempted by the **flesh** within and assaulted by **foes** without. I have little or no cease-fire down here. But up there I will realize and experience full victory, so I have to fight to prove it right now.

I have bereavement after setback down here, but up there I am immortal and will only know what it is to go from strength to strength to serve you. Why doesn't my friend _____ want that more?

Sin is my constant grief right now, and the effects of sin in pestilence, violence, disease and natural disaster. The Holy Spirit helps perfect my holiness, but up there I will be perfected in holiness. There will be no pests or pandemic; no poison ivy in the ditches. It will not be a wilderness, but the Promised Land.

Do not let me forget about the present while I dream about the future. Let my study of the future sanctify my present, and bring it to its highest helpfulness. **Hope of heaven is the most potent force to produce present virtue.** Amen.

TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S LIFE

Chronological Bible Reading: *Genesis 3-5*
Tuesday, January 4

Heb. 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Fairest Lord Jesus:

Sin shuts up prayer and shuts out praise, and every kind of spiritual service. No wonder I see so many homes in shambles. The Spirit has been quenched through sinful attitudes and searing comments.

When I walk contrary to you it makes you walk contrary to me. Sin puts me out of sync with the universe! Yet you have put away my sin by the sacrifice of yourself on the cross. Thank you, Lord!

† Jer. 31:34 I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Where sin is gone, the barrier is broken. It is not only what I have done, but who I am that is atoned for now. So I am not only forgiven, but I can be changed by the infinite power of Jesus' blood. Hallelujah!

Christians who are like you are not separated from you. The cross has an upright beam which divides – it divides the world from the Christian and the saved from the lost. But it also has a crossbeam that unites – it unites the Christian to Christ and the child of God to God. The precious blood of Jesus brings both the new birth and the sanctification which follows. Thank you, Lord!

If I hate sin, strive for holiness, and work to make it ever more complete in the *fear of God* (meaning dread and alarm to defy God coupled with a hatred of evil), then I am in fellowship with God through that cross. It is a blessed thing to love what you love Lord, as I seek what you seek, and am in sync with **divine purposes** because I am obedient to **divine commands**. With such persons you will dwell. Make me at one with the Lord Jesus today through the operation of the cross. Remove the flesh, and help me as I walk in the Spirit. Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Genesis 6-7*
Wednesday, January 5

1 Thes. 4:7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

Gracious God and Redeemer:

I know there is no way to heaven except by holiness. The holiness of Christ has to be given to me to make me worthy. Then the holiness of the Holy Spirit has to be shown **through** me after it is planted in me to make me ready.

Help me insist on revival in these “postmodern” (really, post-moral), millennial, “net-generation” times. Lax thinking and dubious doctrine have resulted in loose morals and pop theology, but no revival, because no biblical authority. Give me a holy faith in a holy Savior found in holy scriptures, from whom I look for holy blessings. Jesus did not save me **in** my sins; he does save me **from** my sins.

Cast out the corruptions of my flesh. Purify me to yourself, a holy person zealous of good works. I have no faith without works, for that is dead faith. It is an “avatar spirituality,” with the looks of a human, but without the full function.

I trust in grace alone, but grace which does not lead to revival is not grace at all. I pant and aspire to be holy. I will not immediately attain it, but I groan for it! I do not always have it, but I ever desire it. When I have lost it I grieve over it. I pray and confess my sins, so I can have fellowship restored and continue on the route of perfecting holiness. I long to be made more like Christ!

Those who seek after holiness are able to make the wilderness and the solitary place to be glad. A miracle of grace enables me to rejoice when traveling through trials, and be satisfied with the presence of Jesus when I have no other friend. Though often fearful of heart, I am bold to keep to this sacred way. I need not turn from the path to find an easier route or a more popular passage.

Matt. 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

So give me revival for Jesus' sake and in honor of his word. Amen.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *Genesis 10-11*
Friday, January 7

Deut. 28:5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

To Thee O Heavenly Father!

Help us understand how obedience brings blessing on all the provision that our planning and productivity earns. That which comes in and immediately goes back out (like fruit in the *basket*) is blest. That which is laid aside us for a longer season (in *store*) equally receives a blessing.

Maybe all we have this week is a hand-basket portion. We have enough for breakfast and a small bite for lunch. That's okay, because the blessing of God is promised for our lunch pail. If we live from hand to mouth and paycheck to paycheck – getting each day's supply in the day it comes – we are as well off as Israel, because when you fed them you only gave them one day's manna at a time. And that is what enables us to trust you for provision in the mission. **What more do we need today than what you bless us to have?**

On the other hand, if we have a storehouse of treasures, how much more do we need you to bless it! There is the worry of getting it, the worry of keeping it, the worry of managing it, and the worry of using it. So Lord, unless you bless it, those worries will eat into our hearts and steal away our joy, until our goods become gods and our cares turn into cancers!

1 Tim. 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

Lord, bless our substance. Enable us to use it to accomplish your mission. Help us keep worldly things in their proper perspective. And never may our **savings** endanger the **saving** of lost souls. To lay aside “in store” is justified, but to worry over needs not here yet is not. Grant us true contentment in your blessing on our provision, for so we ask it in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *Genesis 12-13*
Saturday, January 8

Psa. 111:4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

Gracious God and Holy Lord:

Your works are worthy of my research. They yield a wonderful blend of instruction and pleasure, which is worth all investigation. Your hidden wisdom is the best part of your working, so those who do not look below the surface miss most of what you long to teach them.

Because your works are so great I cannot understand them all at once, but can only comprehend them after careful examination. It is good that my King James Bible cannot be understood at a glance, because **the search into your word's mysteries is as useful as the knowledge I get from it.**

Psa. 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

To know you so as to walk rightly before you is the greatest of all “applied science.” Fear of you (holy terror to disobey coupled with hatred of sin) leads me to praise you, and this is a wise act for any creature toward his Creator.

I may think I am wise, but only obedience proves sound judgment. If I do not obey you I am not smart, no matter what IQ or education I may have. **Only fools justify rebellion.**

Practical godliness is the best test of wisdom. Some people are very orthodox and eloquent, others very spiritual and emotional. But the best proof of real intelligence is found in actually doing your will.

So my praises will never stop, because your works will always move me to adoration and acts of worship. Lord help me study your works, and breathe out hallelujahs this Sunday, and as long as I live. Amen!

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Genesis 8-9; Psalms 12*
Thursday, January 6

Jer. 20:9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

LORD today I saw Thy glory, like Isaiah's vision, mine
Woe is me, the band is broken, how come others' eyes are dry?
Lo, the vision ever glorious and my life though unclean be,
You have called me in your wisdom to get glory more from me.

Lord I'll go because your purchase of my life on Calvary
Gave a message to my meaning; let me live because of Thee.
But why so lonely in the vision? Are not others burdened so?
Where are laborers for the harvest; are not others called to go?

Lord, please lay upon Thy altar souls abundant, bought by Thee
Filled up with the blood-taught vision; send us Lord, the lost we seek!

—Alan Shelby



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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) TITHE—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
 Cheryl Laird – Daughter of Marilyn Duckett
 Carlos Henderson – brother of Jodi Henderson
 Martha Ogle – Mother of Peggy Ogle
 Cheryl Lewis – Sister of Fawn Collins
 Harold Rutledge – Grandfather of Chariti Farmer
 James Archie – Father of Stephanie Archie
 Coeita Kimbrough – Aunt of Paula Lee
 Lois Freeouf – Stepmother of Richard & Carla Freeouf

Pray for Members, Family & Friends

Erica Stogsdill – Daughter-in-law, Stogsdills	Lillie McClendon
Pearl Dorsey – Mother, Jackie Dorsey	Jim Tonty
Linda Greer – Mother, Rich Huber	Terry Powers
Gene Felton – Stepfather of Tom Wilkes	Ronnie Starks
Jamie Harris – Sister of Jodi Contreras	Kimberly Stalanker family
Bess Wadleigh – Mother of Teresa Ontman	Sarah Armstrong
Donna Harris – Mother of Jodi Contreras	Allison Wangler
Jim Ogle – Grandfather of Garrett Ogle	Karen Matthews
Glenda Williams – Sister of Marjorie Major	Lisa Cueto
Arvil Johnson – Father of Teresa Burton	Dorothy Williams
Robbin Herron – Mother of Teresa Burton	Shirley Granger
Fred Tonty – Brother of Jim Tonty	Mark Kesinger
Vickie Stanley – Sister of Lisa Kitley	Donna Phillips
James & Clarice Archie – Parents of Stephanie Archie	Bernita Tolbert
Carletta – Sister of Sandra Cardwell	Sandy Caldwell Family
Kristen & Mark Harris – Family of Jodi Contreras	Holly Baller
Cheryl Dangerfield – friend of Judy McGill	Angela Miller
Grace Brown – Mother of Kevin Brown	Lynn Tonty
Bill & June Phillips	Brent Huonker
Leah Alley – Wife of Dale Alley	Katie Stephens
Sherri Wash – Sister of Rodney Selectman	Jami Heckman
Loretta Broker – Aunt of Vince Broker	Martha Broker
Debbie Crossland	
Helen Casey – Aunt of Portia Jones	
Jerome Turner – Cousin of Portia Jones	
Jennifer – Daughter of Pam Saultz	
Steven – Brother-in-law of Pam Saultz	
Harvest Members – Sicknes	

Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)

Linda Brown – Sister, Ronnie Starks
 Tameka Bedell – Friend, Starks family
 Brittany Nieves
 Ginger Brown – Sister, Elaine Bredehoff

Leann Venable
 Noah Mason – young child
 Sherri Wash

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