

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

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *Genesis 14-16*

Monday, January 10

Prov. 3:33 *The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he bleaseth the habitation of the just.*

Dear Lord and Giver of Life:

Let me fear only you today, because then I come under your protection as surely as the roof covers my family and me. Make my home a house of love, a school of holy discipleship, and a theater of heavenly light. Make this prayer time my familiar altar where the name of God is revered. Therefore Lord, bless my habitation, just like you said you would. It is certainly a humble habitation and not a lordly mansion, but blessing comes because of the faith of the inhabitants in your grace, not because of the size of the house.

That home is most blessed which has the householders fearing God. It is not a Christian home because it has Christians in it; it is a Christian home because of being ruled by Christ. Lord, I pray for _____ and _____, that they might get saved, and so bring blessing to their house! Justified persons have rights to your grace. Holy Spirit, help them claim your grace even today.

In myself, I am no just person. So in order to make my house the *habitation of the just*, help me make Jesus the continual guest. Then – just like Mary and Martha, the sisters in Bethany – we will be most blessed. And while you are there in my house with me Lord, teach me to be Christlike.

- ❖ In my trade, because that is a testimony
- ❖ In my judgment of others, for that is discernment
- ❖ In my treatment of my neighbors and coworkers
- ❖ Toward my spouse and my children, as an example
- ❖ In my personal character, as my personal witness

In Jesus' name I am claiming this today for this New Year. Amen.

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Genesis 24-26*

Thursday, January 13

1 Cor. 12:7 *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*

SOMETIMES I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
And if you lack for knowledge, He'll never refuse to lend.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

If you can pray like Peter, if you can preach like Paul,
Go home and tell your loved ones that he died to save us all
How lost was my condition till Jesus made me whole!
There is but one Physician can cure a sin-sick soul.

—African American Spiritual



TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *Genesis 17-19*

Tuesday, January 11

Heb. 10:19-20 *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;*

Great God and Father:

The tearing of that veil laid open the sacred "secret place" of the temple. That tear from top to bottom gives ample room for all who are called to enter. Oh, that the Spirit of God would lead me even now into the closest fellowship a mortal being can have with infinite God!

Exod. 19:12 *And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:*

The Old Testament law was an ordinance of **distance**. The place of people was one of distance. There was no invitation to **draw near**. The spirit of the law was one of reverent separation.

All that is over now, and the invitation is,

Matt. 11:28 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Yet some of God's people still worship "afar off," even though no veil remains. Help me Holy Spirit, to draw near boldly, and with a full assurance of faith! For Jesus has brought me as close to God as he himself is. No law forbids me, but as a result of his cross infinite love invites me. I take advantage of it even in this time of prayer. Why do I not take advantage of it more often?

Sin is the only divider Lord, between you and me. You are omnipresent, and so not far from anyone, yet sin is an effective wall of separation. I claim this moment Christ's blood to cast down that wall, in Jesus' name. Amen.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *Genesis 27-29*

Friday, January 14

† Rom. 12:1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

Oh Our Lord and Master!

In order to be "mission central" and complete your mission, we confirm all our former dedications of ourselves to you. May all our consecration be forever ratified. Or, if any one did never yet sincerely give themselves up to you, we do so now with all our trust and from the bottom of our heart. We commit our guilty souls into the hands of our Redeemer, so he can sprinkle it with his own atoning blood, so he can clothe it with his own justifying righteousness, and make us – even us, vile sinners all – accepted in the presence of God by his Beloved, Jesus.

Eph. 1:6 *To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

We appear O Father, in the presence of your justice and holiness, only clothed in the garments of your own dear Son. Make us living sacrifices to you!

Zech. 3:4 *And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.*

Behold not iniquity in us, to punish it. We give our souls (which have corruption in them by nature, and much of the remaining power of sin) into the hands of our almighty Savior today, so that by his grace he may mold all our influences anew. That he may subdue every inordinate appetite. That he may root-out every disorderly passion. That he may frame us after his own image (*Col. 3:10*), fill us with his own grace, and fit us for his own glory in the mission. For,

Psa. 62:7 *In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.*

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Genesis 20-23*

Wednesday, January 12

Isa. 35:8 *And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.*

Almighty God and King:

There is a way to revival. Believing in Jesus, I now enter on that way. Receiving your Spirit into my heart, I now stand in that way. Following my Redeemer's footsteps, I do walk in that way – not just to ask, "What would Jesus do?" but actually to do what he did. Holding fast to his leadership, I follow-through in discipleship, even to the end of the way. When I find Jesus, I find the way of revival. He is not just the way – he is the destination of the path!

Who could make a road around the mountain of my iniquities but you? Only your love would have wanted it. Only your wisdom could have devised it. Only your power could carry it through. It cost you the best jewel in heaven, but you emptied the treasury of your heart because you,

Rom. 8:32 *...spared not [your] own Son, but delivered him up for us all,*

You made a firm foundation for the road by which I can have revival! Your highway is such a masterpiece that, though I travel it every day, I still stand in awe over its planning and construction. Truly,

Isa. 43:19 *Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.*

To leave this road for any other is to despise the wisdom and grace of God in Jesus Christ. I do not need a "televangelist." I do not need to send them offerings. I do not need a healing meeting. I do not need to speak in tongues. I simply need to follow the road, your road, the divine road for revival. Let me acknowledge your Spirit's presence so I can walk in his power today. Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *Genesis 30-33*

Saturday, January 15

Psa. 112:1 *Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.*

Great and Glorious Father:

You always deserve praise. I ought to give it, frequently forget it, and need to be stirred-up to it. If there is anything praiseworthy in my life right now, you should get all the glory for it, because I am your workmanship (*Eph. 2:10*).

What a week! The godly will be persecuted, but they will not be forsaken. Man's curses cannot deprive me of God's blessings. Old Balaam's words ring true!
Num. 23:20 *[God] hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.*

I have days of darkness. There are times when I am sick and sorry. My riches take wings and fly away. Even my righteousness is put under the microscope. But the storm does not last always. **If my darkness is caused by depression, the Holy Spirit can comfort me.**

Psa. 112:7 *He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.*

If I fear the Lord, I do not need to fear any person or circumstance. I need not be alarmed by any bad news. Even when I am undecided, I am not cowardly; I am steadfast in soul. I may change my plans, but not my purpose of heart. Faith makes me firm, so even if the worst happens I can patiently wait on the Lord.

Experience makes me even more settled in this belief. My confidence is confirmed by years. I can face any adversary with a holy awe and a brave face. When the battle rages and the results seem doubtful, my trust in you is not dismayed. What I receive from you, I delight to distribute to those who most need it. My service is not spasmodic. My life is based on Bible principles, and my actions flow from settled reserves of strength! Praise the Lord, Hallelujah, and Amen.

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HOW TO BUILD A BALANCED LIFE

THIS WEEK'S CARE PRAYER LIST

PRAYER DIARY

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

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
 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	Jami Heckman
Sherri Wash – Sister of Rodney Selectman	Martha Broker
Loretta Broker – Aunt of Vince Broker	Dave Rosetti
Debbie Crossland	Roger Bredehoft
Helen Casey – Aunt of Portia Jones	Beverly Guerrero
Jerome Turner – Cousin of Portia Jones	
Jennifer – Daughter of Pam Saultz	
Steven – Brother-in-law of Pam Saultz	
Harvest Members – Sicknes	
Carolyn Nichols – Mother of Jennifer Stogsdill	
Renee Rogers – Friend of Judy McGill	
Delores – Sister of Jim Tonty	

Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)

Linda Brown – Sister, Ronnie Starks	Leann Venable
Tameka Bedell – Friend, Starks family	Noah Mason – young child
Brittany Nieves	Sherri Wash
Ginger Brown – Sister, Elaine Bredehoft	

Active Duty Military

Mark Johnson - Davaile Durham - Josh Ryan - Zion Hotchkins

- 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