

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

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21-22; Psalm 30*
Monday, May 16

Psa. 119:53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

Almighty Lord God:

Does my soul shudder at the sins of our community as it should? Do I myself lack inward holiness, even though I am trying to win others to the Holy One, Jesus Christ? Jeremiah lamented the sins of Israel. Lot's soul was vexed by the sins of Sodom.

Ezek. 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

Mark me out also Lord! While you go through the center of our society, mark me as interceding for _____ and _____, because I know their sin is grievous. I hear the cry from their children. I hear the sigh from their spouse. Let us trust you together to bring them to yourself to be converted and disciplined.

They have made such great efforts... just to go to Hell. I shudder to think about that. It horrifies me, mostly because it reminds me of the vileness and vulgarity of my own heart. They fell today; I may fall tomorrow Lord – apart from your grace. **They need your grace for salvation; I need it to keep standing.**

It was our sin that crucified the Savior; that is why sin is so terrible. I see in every immorality, every injustice the hammer, the nails, the thorns and the spear. How cursed! Heart, do you not abhor sin for all it has done to your Savior?

Great God, you deserve better treatment, and you claim it through the cross! So you will be forced to repay my lost friends who have the audacity to die in their sins. How dreadful that will be, unless I can reach them with the gospel good news of a Savior. Help me make sinners my friends and only sin my enemy! Amen.

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 131;138-139;143-154*
Thursday, May 19

Rev. 19:1,4 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

THERE is a Name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest Name on earth.
It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

It tells me what my Father hath in store for every day,
And though I tread a darksome path, yields sunshine all the way.
It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

This Name shall shed its fragrance still along this thorny road,
Shall sweetly smooth the rugged hill that leads me up to God.
And there with all the blood-bought throng, from sin and sorrow free,
I'll sing the new eternal song of Jesus' love for me.

*O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!*

—Frederick Whitfield, 1855



TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S MIRACLES

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 108-109*
Tuesday, May 17

Luke 8:43-44 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stancheth.

Master of Mercy, Lord Jesus:

There was a woman one time. She approached you in the press of the crowd, not daring to get in your face. She came from behind instead of getting all up on you, and touched the hem of your garment. She stole a healing, as it were.

Oh, my Father, my Father – I am that woman! I am so ashamed. I need a blessing or I cannot live. What do you say?

Luke 8:48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

Behind you or before you, I push for a touch. So let me make a mad dash in this prayer! Even if there is an army of devils between Jesus and me, I will plow my way through by faith. Even if I think I am the most wicked hellion who ever trusted Jesus, I will trust you now just so it can be said in heaven that there was a bigger sinner returning to the Savior than there ever was before. Yes!

Help me right now to trust and rest on the one whom I cannot see, but must never doubt – and to follow this as a matter of course every single day of my life. My belief that you are true is the best kind of faith, because **it is not faith in what you can do with me that cures, but faith in who you are.**

So my Lord Jesus, I throw myself on you now, to reach out and touch as little as the fringe of your clothes as I can in prayer. Because,

John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Make me free from the shackles of my sin. Make me free to serve you from the inner man of my heart. Do it because Jesus only is worth it. Amen.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Chronicles 27-29; Psalm 68*
Friday, May 20

† Rom. 7:24-25 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Blessed Savior:

We often develop a written a policy to try and make ourselves do right. But oh, that we were simply like you, Jesus. Mold us so much into the image of yourself, that to act-out holiness all we have to do is be ourselves! We will never rest until this new nature is “second nature.” We will never have another mission or vision until this one is fulfilled – until make us grow in inward holiness.

Here we are, Lord. We belong to you. It is because we are yours that we have hope. You will make us worthy of you. Our hope of perfection is you possessing us. **Being Christ's own we can have all that Christ is.**

So we bring before you all the saints. Together we ask you to attend to all our trials and troubles. Some of us are afflicted in body. Others are troubled in relationships. Some are frustrated in finances. Others are anxious over friends. And many right now are in sore distress over issues at home and abroad.

You are the head. All our pains are centered in you. All our griefs and sorrows are felt and understood by you. Grant us a blessing of mercy! Let it come on all the works springing out of our church this summer, and all the workers scattered around the globe. Revive us here and in other countries! Let us preach Jesus and see many people converted to be saved. Do it,

1 Tim. 1:11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

Hear us as we – in secret but in unison – cry out to you. Lift up the light of your countenance on our services. Hear us, and do this both for Jesus' honor and our advantage by the gospel's advancement through us in this life. Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Chronicles 23-26*
Wednesday, May 18

2 Cor. 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

Lord:

You know how to lift me up by using the thing that casts me low. You often make rhythms for my psalms out of the pelting rain which drowns-out my music.

You are the God of resurrection, and I know that when you revive my soul. It spells doom for the Devil. He is so annoyed to see me start living for God again. “But I wound him up in the grave-clothes of alcohol. I shut him into the sepulcher of scholarly ignorance. I placed him in the tomb of apathy. I left him in the mausoleum of being offended by some believer – and yet he is revived! But I saw him rotting in lust! I saw him corrupting his flesh. His family even gave up on him. Why, it is my enemy Jesus Christ, who has come back from the dead in him!”

Lord, make Satan feel that plague again, and see his ultimate destruction in my present revival. Show him who is Master! Make the Devil admit his dominion cannot stand. In your lifetime you overcame both the Devil and death with a word – even so now use your word to revive me!

Destroy the sepulchers of sin in my life, and let that action begin to afflict the Prince of Darkness. Help me join the growing ranks of those who bear testimony to your power. Make our united voices so loud they have to be heard – both by people and by devils. I do sometimes faint. I am full of tears and I cry,

Psa. 77:7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

I love you Lord, but I still have to strive against my unbelieving state. Will I always live at this poor dying rate, my love so faint and cold to you, and yours to me so great? **Sometimes I feel like I can't even feel** – but do not let my faith waver. Revive my fainting heart today as I depend upon you, Spirit of God. Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 111-118*
Saturday, May 21

Psa. 20:1 The LORD bear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

LORD God of the Undeserving:

What a mercy! I can pray in the evil day, the day of trouble. And what a more blessed privilege it is that no trouble can prevent you from hearing me. Sometimes my trials roll and roar just like thunder, but I know you always hear my voice above the storm. Thank you, Jesus!

Help me lead others Lord, not to worship “the unknown God, the good Lord,” or some “higher power,” but to know the God of Jacob who reveals both his name and character to his children, and his powerful attributes on their behalf. My day of trouble is not yet over, but my interceding Savior is not still silent. The name of the God of Jacob is still the best defense I know.

Why? For Jacob was a schemer and a deceiver. He had his day of trouble in which he wrestled, and yet he was heard. He was defended in due time, and even honored for his faith. His God is my God. So hear and reward this wrestling Jacob, schemer and deceiver that I am! **Rescue me from my deceptions, Jesus.**

Psa. 20:2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;

There is no help like the help you send, and no deliverance like the one which comes out of your sanctuary. My sanctuary is the Lord Jesus Christ – my shelter and safe haven are his wounds. Hide me in the cleft of my Rock, Jesus. He is the true sanctuary (*Song 2:14*), therefore make my life the true temple where his Spirit dwells. Remind me today to flee to the cross for asylum in my time of need. I may be cast down, but I can never be cast out. Lift me today by your mighty arm, and make me stand upright in your righteousness, because **the victory of Jesus is the inheritance of all who call him Lord.** So I ask to his praise and glory. 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) 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
 Sam Shockley
 Bonita Washington – Sister of Larry Washington
 Larry Lovelace – Husband of Bettye Lovelace, brother of Greg Lovelace

Pray for Members, Family & Friends

Pearl Dorsey – Mother of Jackie Dorsey	Lillie McClendon
Linda Greer – Mother of Rich Huber	Jim Tonty
Gene Felton – Wilkes Family	Ronnie Starks
Jamie Harris – Sister of Jodi Contreras	Sarah Armstrong
Bess Wadleigh – Mother of Teresa Ontman	Allison Wangler
Donna Harris – Mother of Jodi Contreras	Karen Matthews
Jim Ogle – Grandfather of Garrett Ogle	Dorothy Williams
Arvil Johnson – Father of Teresa Burton	Mark Kesinger
Robbin Herron – Mother of Teresa Burton	Donna Phillips
Fred Tonty – Brother of Jim Tonty	Sandy Caldwell Family
Clarice Archie – Mother of Stephanie Archie	Lin Tonty
Carletta – Sister of Sandra Cardwell	Wayne Scott
Grace Brown – Mother of Kevin Brown	Bill & June Phillips
Ron Mallard – Nephew of Jim Baker	Robert Wisecarver
Kevin Williams – Son of Dorothy Williams	Deb Molder
Ted & Joyce Goering – Sister of Sharon Brown	Tieler Thomas
Linda Wisecarver – Niece of Bev Guerrero	Donald Snow
Herise Miller – Aunt of Sharon Brown	
Terese Chambers – Sister of Sharon Brown	
Josephine Brown – Sister-in-law of Luther Brown	
Chris Locke – Brother of Lynn Huonker	
O'Neal Goodlow – Uncle of Malea Wilson	
Helen Keune – Mother of Kim Huber	
Mike Hutchinson – Brother of Tracie Guffey	
Richard Freehouf Sr – Father of Richard Freehouf	
Leah Alley – Wife of Dale	
Toni – Sister of Ray Ortiz	
Sue Purtle – Wife of Gene Purtle	

Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)

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

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