

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *Ecclesiastes 1-6*
Monday, June 13

2 Sam. 5:24-25 *And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself; for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.*

My Master and Commander:

At your Second Advent we will hear *the sound of a going in the mulberry trees*. Have I stirred myself now like you are stirred then? Have I served you by every means necessary to the winning of others from Hell before that day? Have I responded to spiritual momentum? Alas, my Lord! I so much seed that dies for lack of watering. Some of my witnessing loses fruit for lack of follow-up.

Give me an eye to look for the favorable times and seasons to speak. When I sense the Spirit moving in the course of a conversation, teach me to follow that up. I think of _____, who is anxious about their marriage. Now is the time for a good word from me! I think of _____, who is worried about a child. Now is my best opportunity to talk. I believe _____ is open to conviction. Teach me how to do what I can in in your mission, for your purpose in eternity.

Salvation is of you Lord, from first to last. But **it is my responsibility to be used as the means to bring people the gospel, just as if it were in my own power to save them.** The rustling may be very faint, yet it is my time and my opportunity. Make me more earnest about witnessing when I notice your Spirit's momentum in someone's life. You are moving. Give me soul-consciousness!

I have special power in prayer. I can take all prophetic promises and make them applied. So give me freedom and liberty to witness. Above all, give me more closeness of communion with Christ, so when I *hear the sound*, I will stir. I seek your help O Lord God, in Jesus' name and by faith in Him alone. Amen.

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 10*
Thursday, June 16

1 John 3:18 *My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.*

HAST Thou, O Lord, a work to do? Here am I, send me!
The field is white, the lab'ers few, here am I, send me!
O touch my lips with fire divine, here am I, send me!
The dross consume, the gold refine, here am I, send me!

A lowly vessel at Thy feet, here am I, send me!
O cleanse and for Thy use make meet, here am I, send me!
My heart now longs and yearns to go, here am I, send me!
To reap Thy harvest here below, here am I, send me!

*Over mountain, plain or sea,
Here am I, send me!
I'll go to the ends of the earth for Thee,
Here am I, send me!*

—J. Gilchrist Lawson, 1910



TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S MIRACLES

Chronological Bible Reading: *Ecclesiastes 7-12*
Tuesday, June 14

Luke 17:15 *And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,*

Lord, Your Mercies!

Why should I put them in storage even before I praise you? Why make my praises like some exotic flower which takes a century to blossom? Why keep my thanksgiving waiting at the door even for a day? Since the manna of your mercies come to me fresh every morning, so should my praises stay hot. I praise double if I praise you immediately!

It was this leper's duty to go directly to the priests. You gave him a command in the law to do that. But **there is a balance in everything, and every duty has to be held in proportion to others.** <<So the circumstance of his healing affected the order of his priorities.>> Therefore the first thing he did was to turn back – to go back and bear witness to people, glorifying God in the midst of it all, and falling down at the feet of Jesus.

Carnal minds always put legalism first. They never break from tradition. But love sees how the spirit is more precious than the letter. To come back and bow at the feet of the great High Priest is much more important than going on to stand before lesser priests.

So today I come first to Jesus. Right now, in spirit, I bow before you. I love the Lord, and I want something more than Sunday services! I want to get to Jesus himself – to tell you in prayer how much I love you. **I long to do something for you on my own**, so I can show the gratitude of my heart to God.

Give me the intensity of this healed leper, who had a *loud voice*. Do not let me whisper my praises. Respectability should be shoved out the window. Jesus, make my life shout glory to your glory today, for you are worthy! Amen.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Kings 13-14; 2 Chronicles 11-12*
Friday, June 17

Mark 9:24 *And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.*

Oh Dear Savior:

You know how – with deep truthfulness – we can say the same thing. We again declare that all our hope for growth – fruit spiritual and numerical – is centered in the atoning sacrifice and risen Son of God. If in the course of almost thirty years our church has ever tried to add anything to the one foundation of Christ by relying on our own knowledge, experience and effort, we desire to clear away that heap of rags, and get down to the foundation again. Nothing but Jesus!

We rest on no one but Jesus. Our souls rest on none but Jesus. We hate and loathe the idea of adding anything to what he has finished, or completing anything he has perfected. Let your people feel like there is NOW no condemnation to them. Let those of us with a dark past **feel** the completeness of the washing that Christ gives – the fullness of the righteousness which is imputed to us – the eternal vitality of the life Christ implanted in us (the reality of our adoption). Make us sense the indivisible nature of that union by which our souls are knit to Jesus, and see how the Holy Spirit uses spiritual thread that cannot be broken.

May we this Sunday rejoice in Christ Jesus above anything that is happening in our life our in our nation right now. And needless to say, we have no confidence in the flesh or human officials. So write on our hearts today this sacred request:

Eph. 3:19 *And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

Make it so among us, so we have all we can hold and then some! Then let us pray to be enlarged beyond that (*1 Chron. 4:10*), so we can take in even more again. Jesus is ours, completely ours, and we rejoice in him together. Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chron. 9; Proverbs 30-31*
Wednesday, June 15

2 Sam. 5:24 *And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself; for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.*

Lord of Hosts:

I know this verse can be taken in a Second Coming context, but how I pray for your Spirit to move now! There will be the Day of the Lord when,

Psa. 102:13 *Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.*

But make that time now for your church! Make a move in these *last days!* Raise up more men and women, laborers whom you bless. Their preaching should be like *the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees*. Make me doubly prayerful and doubly watchful. Make me doubly intense and interested this summer, wrestling even more at the throne of grace than I have done before. This is a cage match.

Now is the time to *bestir ourselves*. I will cry to you more ardently. Fill the prayer meeting Wednesday nights with people who want **more!** Let my private altar be more constantly kept burning. Make the smoke of my prayer ascend. Find in it an acceptable sacrifice of worship, and answer as you hear my call for revival!

What should I say as I leave church this Sunday? I should be able to say, “I have heard today the sound of a movement in the leaves of the mulberry trees. I saw people at attention and interested. I saw the pastor preaching with power. I saw God touch our lips with a coal from off the altar. And people moved!”

Now what will I do? I will wrestle in prayer more seriously. I will pray that God will bless our pastors, and our people to bring to the services more people who need to hear, and then that the very Spirit of God will move in our midst to stir us up and multiply the flock. So do it Lord, by the power of Jesus' Spirit. Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 13-16*
Saturday, June 18

† Psa. 78:1 *Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*

Almighty God:

The psalmist Asaph wants his countrymen to pay attention to his **patriotic teaching**. Oh Lord, that you would **give your truth a tongue through me**. Train me in discipleship, and send me forth to declare your word with power.

But shall I speak of biblical authority, and not listen with an obedient heart? Help me read my Bible – not just to study its meaning, but to practice its teaching. “Bible reading” does not help me, but what I find as I read does! I lend my ear to music all the time; how much more should I listen to the harmonies of the word? The letter of your word is precious, but the cross-referenced meaning is priceless.

Rom. 10:17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Since I know you Lord, I will trust you. That way I can be led by your Spirit to reach the goal of all spiritual, doctrinal teaching. The result will be a heart established with grace (*Heb. 13:9*), and not a head puffed-up with knowledge.

Psa. 78:14 *In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.*

I have so often failed you just like Israel did, even though I have the full armor of grace. I march very gallantly till the hour of the test, then often fail to wage war against my own sins. Too many times, idols are set up and vows forsaken. Help me maintain a pure testimony, and that in front of others, my Lord.

If you brought me to the wilderness, you will also lead me **through** it. Your cloud will both guide me **in** the way, and shadow me **on** the way. And in the night, the sign of your presence is with me. So let me trust in your grace to provide for every situation I face this summer. And I will do so because Jesus is Lord. 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

Pray for Members, Family & Friends

Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)

Active Duty Military

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