

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

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *Isaiah 64-66*
Monday, August 1

Jer. 31:33 I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Lord God and Loving Savior:

In this one verse is everything my lost friends need. To get happiness they need something which will really satisfy. Are you not enough? Yes! Then help them pour this promise into their cup so they can say with David, *My cup runneth over*. If you can say to them, "I am thy God," then they possess all things.

My desires are as insatiable as death, and unfulfilled desires are as cruel as the grave. But my God, you can fill or replace them! Who can measure the capacity of my dreams? But you can overflow them!

This week, draw _____ and _____ to seek and find you, and made complete. Help them understand they do not lack anything except God. Your all-sufficiency is enough to satisfy and secure, even when everything else fails.

Save them, but give them more than just spiritual satisfaction – let them testify about their delight in the Lord. I pray this for my children, and for my disciples. Give them their own relationship with you – the one they rejoice in as an ocean of praise. May they bathe their spirit, and swim in a direct, personal relationship with you even this week.

I want more than present affluence, Lord. I crave something I can exercise hope about. Today I hope for the fulfillment of that promise, *I will be their God*, toward my friends who need to place their faith in Jesus for salvation. This is the masterpiece of promises, because it gives them heaven and your kingdom. So help me live up to my privileges today as a child of God, and thereby draw others to the Master. Make me a good witness for you, for so I ask through Jesus' name and to his glory, because he alone is worthy. Amen.

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Zephaniah 1-3*
Thursday, August 4

† *Col. 3:24* Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

THIS world is one great battlefield with forces all arrayed,
If in my heart I do not yield I'll overcome some day.

Both seen and unseen powers join to drive my soul astray,
But with His Word a sword of mine, I'll overcome some day.

A thousand snares are set for me, and mountains in my way,
If Jesus will my leader be, I'll overcome some day.

I fail so often when I try my Savior to obey;
It pains my heart and then I cry, "Lord, make me strong some day."

Though many a time no signs appear, of answer when I pray;
My Jesus says I need not fear, He'll make it plain some day.

I'll be like Him some day, I'll be like Him some day;
My Jesus says I need not fear, He'll make it plain some day.

My mind is not to do the wrong, but walk the narrow way;
I'm praying as I journey on, to overcome some day.

To overcome some day, to overcome some day;
I'm praying as I journey on, to overcome some day.

—Charles A. Tindley, 1901



TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S CROSS

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33*
Tuesday, August 2

Luke 23:27-28 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

Sacred Sufferer:

The wailing wall of women struck the tenderest heart present – the heart of One whose ear was sensitively tuned to any sorrowful sound. You did not answer Herod one word, and you gave Pilate only a glancing reply. Amid all the mockeries and travesties you, were silent as a sheep before shearers. And yet as you passed these weeping women, you looked at them and broke the silence. You blessed them with a farewell sermonette – a prophecy to a world rejecting you.

Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves. Only a few hours before you set the example (*Matt. 26:38; Luke 22:44; Heb. 5:7*). How selfless! As if all your thoughts were about a **grieving other than your own**. You would not have a tear wasted on you, but instead be spent on woes that hurt you more than your own pain.

Your sorrow was well-deserved to be wept over, but you were not overcome by it. **Am I overcome by mine?** Dear Jesus!

There is no cowardly spirit, no admission of defeat, no appeal for pity, no shadow of petty resentment in all your final acts. Lord, will you **save me from these things when I am in distress?** Fire me with the majestic consciousness of strength like you had! You dried up the tears that were flowing for you, and redirected their torrents toward unrepentant sinners. Oh!

Lord, give me the courage of these women. To espouse your cause amidst the coarse cries of *Crucify him!* was courage more than manly. Those ladies were heroines of love. Your disinterested unselfishness propelled you to say, "Spare your tears for future sorrow." Help me now Lord, to do the same.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34*
Friday, August 5

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.

Lord, You Are Our Blessing!

Graciously bless the adult class I attend and the church to which I belong. Let us see the power of prayer today and on Sunday. Pour out an intense spirit of prayer and supplication in our adults, youth children, and all the members of our church. Give us a soul-agony to see the King, and do not let it stop until we have revival. Send us Lord – in line with your word – a groundswell of desire to see you glorified with our lives. And may we band together as servants in fellowship to invite others to hear the preaching this Sunday. Make us constantly aware of our duties to our dying Savior, and be determined that the prayers of our church will ascend before you like fragrant incense.

Lord, convert our friends who are so unsaved. Oh mighty power of God, let no one come to church this Sunday – even accidentally or casually – without sensing the Holy Spirit here. May the Spirit of God work mightily – from our Sunday School classes, to our Harvest Teams, to ministry teams, to discipleship, and when we speak privately with people. Lord, glorify yourself in us!

Let us mark ourselves with your blood as being consecrated to your mission for eternity. As we have been buried with you by baptism into death, so make us really dead to the world, and alive only to Christ Jesus today!

Since you tell us to pray for everyone, so now I pray especially for _____ and _____ who are lost. Keep them entirely dissatisfied until they find rest in you, then let your mercies descend to keep them in peace. May deception be broken to splinters, and truth and righteousness win the day! Grant that it may be so for Jesus' sake, for so we ask it in his name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Nahum 1-3*
Wednesday, August 3

Rom. 15:19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God;

Mighty Lord of Grace:

1. The Spirit of God **quicken**s souls and brings spiritual revival. All the spiritual life which exists in this world is the creation of your Spirit. I did not have enough life to know I was dead, until you visited my soul and opened my eyes to my blindness. Likewise, your Spirit is necessary to make everything I do come to life. I can neither fulfill vocation nor family role without him! I act mechanically and hypocritically unless your Spirit is motivating me. Only you, Holy Spirit, can make my witness alive. I am desperately dependent on you! I continually cry to you to quicken (enliven) me in all things, as I mind you, and walk in you.

2. The Spirit of God **enlighten**s his people. You did so by inspiring your word. So I never completely understand my Bible apart from the personal teaching of the Holy Spirit. If I memorize it, I do well in learning the letter of truth, but I still need the Spirit of God to make it light and power in my soul (which is revival).

Transfer your word to my heart! Set it on fire and make it burn! **Error is sure to arise where doctrine is not known by experience**. Holy Spirit, if you do not teach me, then my knowledge will produce puffy pride and breed conceit and stink. Help me search the scriptures with a teachable heart, and submit my mind, my opinions, and my decisions to the light of the Spirit therein. Give me strength by your Spirit to teach others – to really disciple them and not merely instruct them.

I pray for your power. I need your illumination. Come, O Light of God. Both burn within and shine without. Draw others to the only safe haven for their souls. Lead me into a state of continuous revival, as I continually walk in your Spirit. Give me grace. Bring me power. Let me win souls to the Savior. I can do all through Christ when I have your free Spirit. Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *Habakkuk 1-3*
Saturday, August 6

Psa. 86:1 Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

O Gracious God:

My prayer is all the more pleasing to you when streaks of praise run through it. I thank you Lord, that even when my prayers are timid because of embarrassment – or weak because I am sick, or unable to rise in faith because I am depressed – you still receive them before the throne. My very adversities and distresses become powerful reasons for me to be heard by my gracious and merciful God. Misery is the master argument to obtain mercy from you!

If I pray all day every day **in my heart**, I can have confidence that you will hear me when I am **on my knees**. David's plea was first that he was poor and needy, second that he had been called and set apart, third that he was your servant and learned to trust in you, and fourth that you taught him to pray daily. That is such a goof formula to borrow for myself. I claim these things now as reasons for answering my prayer. I will pray in adoring worship.

Psa. 86:12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

Greatness and goodness are united in you. Being good, you graciously forgive me, and being great, you work wonders of mercy for me. Help me never praise you with less than all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Since you never stop blessing me, let me never stop blessing you. Since you ever give me grace, let me always give you glory!

I should sing the loudest, because my debt to mercy is the greatest. You have kept me from the deepest dishonor and the direst consequences. Lift me now as I lift up your praise. Use me Lord, as I trust in your grace. Show your mercy mightily to others through my life today. 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) 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

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

- Linda Greer – Mother of Rich Huber
- Gene Felton – Wilkes Family
- Jamie Harris – Sister or Jodi Contreras
- Bess Wadleigh – Mother of Teresa Ontman
- Donna Harris – Mother of Jodi Contreras
- Jim Ogle – Grandfather of Garrett Ogle
- Arvil Johnson – Father of Teresa Burton
- Robbin Herron – Mother of Teresa Burton
- Fred Tonty – Brother of Jim Tonty
- Clarice Archie – Mother of Stephanie Archie
- Carletta – Sister of Sandra Cardwell
- Grace Brown – Mother of Kevin Brown
- Ted & Joyce Goering – Sister of Sharon Brown
- Robert Wisecarver – Nephew of Bev Guerrero
- Herise Miller – Aunt of Sharon Brown
- Terese Chambers – Sister of Sharon Brown
- Josephine Brown – Sister-in-law of Luther Brown
- Helen Keune – Mother of Kim Huber
- Mike Hutchinson – Brother of Tracie Guffey
- Richard Freehouf Sr – Father of Richard Freehouf
- Leah Alley – Wife of Dale
- Jere Campbell – Granddaughter of Marjorie Major
- Ray Fanning – Son-in-Law of Bev Guerrero
- Joseph Grantham-father of Matt Grantham
- Charlyne Grantham- mother of Matt Grantham

- Lillie McClendon
- Jim Tonty
- Ronnie Starks
- Sarah Armstrong
- Allison Wangler
- Karen Matthews
- Dorothy Williams
- Mark Kesinger
- Donna Phillips
- Sandy Caldwell Family
- Lin Tonty
- Wayne Scott
- Bill & June Phillips
- Madi Harris
- Deb Molder
- Donald Snow
- Carla Moore
- Jodi Contreras
- Lee Wendleton
- Verla Baker
- Cody Nusbaum
- Melissa Herden
- Donna Moore

Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)

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