

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

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *Joel 1-3*
Monday, August 8

2 Cor. 7:6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us

God of All Comfort and Care:

Who comforts like you do? So many of my lost friends live in dire distress. What would I do if I were like them, and did not know you? What fear of death I would have! What anxiety about the future. What foreboding of the cruelty which others could do to me. Lord, speak peace through the cross of Christ to _____ and to _____. Redeem them and rescue them now.

Yet Lord, some of your distressed and depressed children are no better off! You tell them sweet promises from the Word, whisper sweet comfort in their ear, and they still act like they never heard you. They listen to the voice of the charmer and deceiver, but not to you. What a shame to be saved and still **feel** lost!

So let me give you praise and hallelujahs today. Lift up my countenance as a testimony to others. Let me then say, There may be no balm in Gilead, but there is balm in God. My creator is *Jehovah-raphi*, the LORD-who-heals. And there is no doctor or counselor so good as the Great Physician.

Give me consolation so I can pass it on. Shed abroad your joy in my heart, so it will “prime the pump” for more joy out of the well of your riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Help me follow your principle-prescriptions!

I do not need to go to earthly friends to try and drown my sorrows in human relationships – I need to go to my God. I do not need something to numb the wound, but I need to bring pain in all its painfulness to you.

Psa. 94:19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

Do they indeed? They should – even above every other care or consideration. So help me give a positive and cheering witness for you today. Do so Lord for the sake of your Son, for he is worthy. He is worthy to be praised! Amen.

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Jeremiah 9-12*
Thursday, August 11

1 Pet. 2:3-4 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

CROWN Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God, before the worlds began,
And ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of Man;
Who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

—Matthew Bridges, 1852



TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST’S CROSS

Chronological Bible Reading: *Jeremiah 1-4*
Tuesday, August 9

Luke 23:28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

Oh, Merciful Lord:

I am so sorry. I am sorry I am so capable of letting other people’s problems grieve me, yet am not able to remember the griefs of Jesus with emotion. The bewitching pen of some fictional screenwriter sketches an imaginary picture of fanciful woes, and I am cut to the heart. I am cut to the hart by movies and drama or even reality TV, but what about when I picture the sufferings of Emmanuel for me? Am I affected? You did well Lord, to **set healthy boundaries for our emotions.**

The followers who ministered to you at your death were women from Galilee (*Matt. 27:55-56*). These weepers in Luke 23 were women of Jerusalem. Many forgot the next day that they had wept for you the day before! If tears are only from emotion, they are quickly wiped away and forgotten.

Such weeping is powerless, because it does not change my character. It does not produce the putting-away of sin. It does not cause real and saving faith in Jesus. Many tears are shed under manipulative sermons, or therapy sessions! and are just so much wasted water. Once the sermon or counseling session is over the sorrow stops, because there was no work of grace in the heart. It was a surface ripple and no more. Save me from that, Lord Jesus!

Feelings are so deceptive. They make people think there is something good in themselves just because they cried. The tears may not have come from a heart of flesh, but are only the condensation on a heart of stone. So I weep not so much that you died, but I weep because it was my sins that made it necessary for you to die. Forgive me the transgression, because I have seen the crucifixion. Amen.

FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *Jeremiah 13-16*
Friday, August 12

Zech. 10:12 And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

God Our Great King!

Sometimes we need consolation as a sick saint. Oftentimes we grow faint and are afraid we will never rise above our doubts and distractions. Thank you, Great Physician, for removing our greatest disease at the cross. Take away now also all the weakness which comes with it, and take it away through our prayer of faith.

We need you to strengthen the feeble (that’s me!). We know you will do it the best possible way, because Zechariah says we gain strength *in the LORD*. That strength is better, because it comes from God rather than inside ourselves.

- *In the Lord* strength causes fellowship (our own strength would only create pride)
- *In the Lord* strength is unlimited (our own strength runs out too soon)

Since strength is offered, Lord make us to use it. We want to walk both up and down today in the name and power of the Lord. Make us weak, because only then will we be truly desperate for your strength. Make us dependent on you!

Thank you for giving us liberty in Christ, and an inward leisure to exercise that liberty. Let us use your power in gentleness today. Because,

John 15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends;

You do not make us slaves who know no rest, and see no sights. No, you call us friends, free to traverse at our leisure through Immanuel’s land.

Come, heart – be no more sick or sorry, for Jesus bids us to be strong. We will walk today in prayer without ceasing, so we can obey his word in love. This is the pathway for revival, and we ask for it in Jesus’ matchless name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Jeremiah 5-8*
Wednesday, August 10

† Rom. 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

God of Hope!

I have a great need for the continuous manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit in my life. It is necessary, simply for my spiritual growth in grace. The power to be filled with joy and peace in believing, and the power to abound in hope, I owe to the Holy Spirit dwelling in my heart.

Eph. 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

To keep me happy and make me holy, there must be a manifestation of your power inside me. Then to invade the territories of the enemy, I need that same power on the outside of me. And **the power I have for external ministry is proportional to the power that I yield to on the inside.** I know how much of your energy I have on the inside by how much influence toward Christ I have to others on the outside. I recognize that when my heart is warm within from connecting to you, then I begin to see sin melt in my life. Continue to make it so!

Make me rich in the things of God. Make me strong with your Spirit’s energy. Put me on the attack against the enemy. **You will not get out of me what is not put into me.** Out of an empty heart I cannot speak things full of Christ. The first thing I have to do is look to my own life, and pray that you would bless me, and make your face to shine upon me.

Live with me Lord, and work in my heart this week. Your Spirit can be grieved and vexed, and even quenched, so I ask your forgiveness now for the many provocations he has received even today. I bow before you, and ask for revival because Jesus’ blood has brought forgiveness for my sins. Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *Jeremiah 17-20*
Saturday, August 13

Psa. 87:1 His foundation is in the holy mountains.

Majestic Master and My God:

Like your holy capital anchors the holy land of your kingdom, the foundation of my life is anchored in your word. You take care of all the arrangements for my calling, salvation, maintenance, and perfection. And then all your attributes – like the mountains around Jerusalem – lend their strength for support.

I believe you take delight in the prayers and praises of your people. I believe you have a special delight in my private devotion and worship, which I give to you right now. My home is important, but I must not put it above identifying with you. Help me never faint or fail, for I lean on you.

Psa. 88:2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

As long as I have you as the life of my salvation, my hope can never completely die. The characteristic of true faith is that it always turns to you when all other friends have proven false.

Problems will not blow-out the sparks of my prayer. Instead, stormy winds will fan the flame until it is a furnace at full blast. Even if others have not prayed, I will do so! Neither the busyness of the day, nor the weariness of the night, nor the weakness of the flesh will silence me. And such praying will never be in vain.

Day and night I need you. I will go with Daniel and pray where people can see me, but I will also go with Jacob to the Jabbok and wrestle until daybreak. There are obstacles which hinder the upward flight of my prayer. So Lord remove them.

Give me grace to keep praying beyond them. I hope for patience which will enable me to endure until they are in the past, and I am still praying!

Psa. 88:1 O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:

And I have found help and hope in crying. Thank you Jesus! 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
 Gina Jenkins
 Billye Jean Ballenger - Sister of Larry Washington

Pray for Members, Family & Friends

Linda Greer – Mother of Rich Huber
 Gene Felton – Wilkes Family
 Jamie Harris – Sister of 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 Bredehoft
 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