

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

<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Malachi 1-4; Psalms 50</i> Monday, September 26</p> <p><i>Matt. 15:23</i> But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.</p> <p>Gracious God and Father: I know people just like her! They say they tried payed once, but felt like they could not connect. I need to show them this story. You did not immediately bestow the blessing, though the woman had great faith to seek it. So I want to encourage them. Because even though you intend to answer, you still may wait awhile. You always want me to seek you with my whole heart. How many times have I seen you do this in my own life?</p> <p>Her prayers were good. Her case was needy. She felt her distress and desperate dependence sufficiently – even overwhelmingly! She was intensely earnest, and had faith that made even you wonder.</p> <p>Faith brings peace, but not always instantly. You may have good reasons which call for the trying of our faith. Certainly anyone who ever believed that Jesus COULD save them SHOULD keep seeking him in truth and his words.</p> <p>O Lord, make the faith of _____ and _____ blossom and bud this week. Give them grace to come to church with me, and seek you again if they have ever been willing to seek you before. Some people (like the Philippian jailor) are turned from darkness to light in a moment. But others are plants that grow slower, and you say the seed has to be watered for a while before it germinates (<i>1 Cor. 3:6</i>). A deeper sense of sin is required. Lord, give me patience to work with them – even them. To pray for them, and keep witnessing to them.</p> <p>I still believe in the love of your heart, though it sometimes sounds like silence. I will not give up seeking and trusting you for anyone’s salvation. I will depend on you even where there is no evidence your Spirit is working. Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST’S LIFE Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Ezra 7-10</i> Tuesday, September 27</p> <p><i>John 8:40</i> But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God:</p> <p>Lord and Living Word: My life in Christ grows out of truth. You are the truth, as well as the way and the life. A holy life cannot come out of believing falsehood. Sanctification only arrives when I am growing, and edified in the faith.</p> <p>So then, let every truth lead me to more holiness, because every error only leads me to more sin. A twist in my understanding will bring contortion to my life – make me straight in your word! If you help me draw a straight line of truth in my heart, then I can walk a straight line of righteousness in my life. That is the difference between boasting of sanctification and actually being sanctified. My knowledge of truth has to be “taken to task.”</p> <p>But what is truth? An imaginary revelation? Some private communication from you to me? Am I supposed to run my life by dreams, visions and impressions? No. Your word is truth (<i>John 17:17</i>). Truth is no one’s opinion (<i>2 Pet. 1:20</i>). All the truth necessary for me to be righteous is found in your word! The Bible is enough, Lord – if only I will listen, you will use it in my life. Quicken it by your Spirit in my heart today. Help me search the scriptures on my own with simple English exegesis.</p> <p>However, I do not understand truth right if it does not make me more holy. I do not really grasp a truth unless it leads me to a new life. All truth has a handle and a blade. Help me use it properly, because even pure water can be made to kill. I want to destroy sin, nourish grace, anticipate faith, motivate right desires, instill correct thoughts, and spur right actions. I should quit professing if I do not live up to it! I pray my life will adorn the doctrines of grace in all things today, because I ask it in the name of my Lord Jesus whom I love. Amen and Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Nehemiah 1-4</i> Wednesday, September 28</p> <p><i>† Rom. 8:26</i> Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.</p> <p>Heavenly Father: I trust the desire in my heart for your glory has been written there by the Holy Ghost. So I trust in him now, to express through his groanings the words I cannot utter – words you will accept as I plead for revival. Make my prayer today a shadow of your purpose for our church, classes, ministries and missionaries.</p> <p>You always had it in mind to bring me revival – that is why your Spirit inclines me to ask. True prayer is my comprehension of your indication that you intend to bless me like that. It is the heralding of your mercy. Today I plead, because I realize as never before that the Spirit of God is pleading in me. Help me speak out that which he speaks within.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is for your glory that saints be revived and their first love rekindled ▪ It is for your glory that sinners be converted and society changed ▪ It is for your glory that my acquaintances recognize your power ▪ It is for your glory that this city starts talking about what we have with you ▪ It is for your glory that our church grows, that we see people added to the faith and disciplined – or else I would not ask for it <p>I do not want my notions of doctrine to prevail, or our denomination to become famous. I want your truth to conquer over all, and so your Son to be exalted. Make it so by your Spirit! Make it so through me! Make God’s glory – and my desire for Christ to be lifted up – the Alpha and the Omega of my desire for revival. Then grant that for which you have caused me to pray. Do it because of Jesus, and because his death merits such grace. Amen.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Nehemiah 5-7</i> Thursday, September 29</p> <p><i>Dan. 5:12</i> Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.</p> <p>MY faith has found a resting place, not in device or creed; I trust the ever living One, His wounds for me shall plead. Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt; A sinful soul I come to Him, He’ll never cast me out.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>I need no other argument, I need no other plea, It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.</i></p> <p>My heart is leaning on the Word, the living Word of God, Salvation by my Savior’s Name, salvation through His blood. My great Physician heals the sick, the lost He came to save; For me His precious blood He shed, for me His life He gave.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>I need no other argument, I need no other plea, It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">—Eliza E. Hewitt, 1891</p> <p style="text-align: center;">☪</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Nehemiah 8-10</i> Friday, September 30</p> <p><i>Deut. 28:8</i> The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto;</p> <p>Mighty Almighty God: If we obey you, you bless what you have given us. That means affluence is no curse as long as we are still obedient! Jobs and riches are not to be trusted, but they do not have to be shunned, as long as they are blessed by our trust in you.</p> <p>Lord, do not let the dry-rot of covetousness and the blight of hard-heartedness attack our lives and stunt our vision. Too many times when we have more than what we need immediately, we build bigger barns and storehouses instead of seeing how we can be a steward of the excess to your purposes. Teach us to be devoted even with our discretionary funds. Give us your blessing even on your gifts, to be used to accomplish your purpose for eternity.</p> <p>We know we should put back for savings, prepare for emergencies, and plan for retirement. But let prudence arrange our spending and let liberality govern our giving, because gratitude is what maintains consecration in my life. Praise sweetens the enjoyment of the abundance. It is a great mercy to have your blessings on your gifts. So Lord, keep us obedient to you in the enjoyment of them.</p> <p>There are a lot of things we need to <i>set our hand to</i> as a body. We do not want to stretch out our hands to any of those things without stopping to ask your blessing. We want to go forward in living faith by prayer and trust in your truth.</p> <p>What a privilege to be able to look for your help in every event. Some people talk about being lucky, but having your blessing is much better than luck. We need your patronage today. Self-reliance is fine for the lost, but your blessing is greatly better than trusting in the fruit of our own talent, ability or tact. We look to Jesus for his assistance, and thank you Lord today. Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS Chronological Bible Reading: <i>Nehemiah 11-13; Psalms 126</i> Saturday, October 1</p> <p><i>Psa. 16:8</i> I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.</p> <p>Almighty God: This is the way to live: with you always before my face. Then I have the sweetest companion, the best example, the most complete consolation, and the most powerful influence. And that is just what I need!</p> <p>But it takes a firm resolve: <i>I have set.</i> And it has to be maintained as a firm decision over time: <i>always before me.</i></p> <p><i>Psa. 32:8</i> I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.</p> <p>I must keep an eye on the Lord’s eye, because that is how you guide me. I have to have an ear for the Lord’s voice, because that is how you instruct me. Lord, be near me this weekend, in our services and in serving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill the horizon of my vision • Lead the way of my action • Supply the themes of my meditation • Let me avoid all vanities of imagination • Help me overcome all sins of inaction • Give me all the joys of ministry • Make me exhibit the virtues of grace <p>That is what I will have if I indeed set you always before me!</p> <p>This is the way to be safe. If you are always at the front of my mind, then I know you are always near. If I acknowledge your presence I will have your Spirit’s power. And if I know you are near to help me, then I cannot be moved by fear, force, fraud or fickleness. Oh Lord! If you stand at my right hand, then I know I will always stand.</p> <p>Thank you Lord, for both upholding me and abiding with me. In Jesus’ name I give you praise. Amen.</p>

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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
 Grace Brown – Mother of Kevin Brown
 Susan Owen – Daughter of Bart Lockwood
 Geraldine Nicholas – Mother of Mike Nicholas

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
 Richard Freeouf Sr – Father of Richard Freeouf
 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
 Jack Edwards – 1yr old son of John & Chloe Edwards
 Ronald Cooper – Brother of Rachel Starks

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
 June Phillips
 Donald Snow
 Carla Moore
 Lee Wendleton
 Verla Baker
 Melissa Herden
 Donna Moore
 Ron Starks Jr.
 Brian Wright
 Mark Winders
 Shirley Carroll
 JoAnn Rothacher
 Dave Rosetti

Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)

Linda Brown – Sister, Ronnie Starks
 Tameka Bedell – Friend, Starks family
 Ginger Brown – Sister, Elaine Bredehoft
 Helen Keune – Mother of Kim Huber
 Mike Broker - Uncle of Vince Broker
 Brittany Nieves

Active Duty Military

Mark Johnson - Davaile Durham - Josh Ryan - Zion Hotchkins
 Taj Selectman – Jeremiah Garrett

- 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