

HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH PRAYER DIARY — SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE TIMES 9:00 & 10:45 A.M.

**MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Galatians 4-6*  
Monday, December 11

**Prov. 30:26** *The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;*

Dear Lord, Who Seeks the Lost:

A lot of my friends are like squirrels in the yard – insecure, and self-conscious of their vulnerability and natural defenselessness. So they try to burrow for security, to “bury their head.” Help my heart to chase after them!

They are weak and exposed to danger, like they fear. Make them wise now, to seek shelter in the Savior. The best security is in the fortress of an unchangeable God and his unconditional sacrifice for sin, where unalterable promises stand like impregnable rock walls. It will be “well with my soul,” but only if I hide myself in the castle of Christ’s character, a guarantee of safety for *them that put their trust in him* (Prov. 30:5), for every word of God is pure. I thank you Lord, that I have done so.

Many times I find myself like David in the cave Adullam – sequestered with you and safe from the cruelty of my haters. Long ago when Satan and my sins pursued me, I fled to make my dwelling in the cleft of the rock, Song 2:14. In Christ’s split side and spilt blood I have found my resting place from anxiety.

So Lord, I pray \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will run to you this week! Whatever their present hurt or wound may be, Jesus feels for it; Jesus will console over it; Jesus will help. He truly heals the brokenhearted. In Christ the weak are made strong (Heb. 11:34), and the insecure given safety.

Faith gives me, here on earth, the protection of God who is in heaven. I cannot need more, and should not want less. Rabbits cannot build a castle – they only take advantage of that which is already provided by God. So, help the lost I witness to this week to see they cannot build themselves a refuge, but Jesus has provided it for them. The Father has given it. The Spirit has revealed it. Help them Lord, enter into that rest (Heb. 4:11) for Jesus’ sake and to his glory. Amen.

**TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST’S LIFE**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Philippians 1-4*  
Tuesday, December 12

**Luke 5:5-6** *And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.*

My Master and Lord:

Sometimes it seems so hard to submit to your will – *nevertheless at thy word*. I have to say *nevertheless* with regard to your word because my own mind is reeling. There are a lot of things in the Bible I do not understand. There are difficult doctrines, and sometimes I wonder how certain events in your providence can be consistent with your goodness, or your justice, or even your love.

So if I put my hand to my head and say, I cannot understand it – let me lay my other hand to my heart and say, Nevertheless I will follow your word. My reason may find it impossible to explain, but I believe it, Lord! I believe.

I have to say, *nevertheless at thy word*, when I am cross-examined by questions from the skeptics. It seems like one fool can ask more questions than fifty wise people can answer. And even if I cannot reply to their taunts, I do believe they can be answered. There is an answer in your word somewhere. So let me view it as no disgrace to have to leave some of the Adversary’s arrows sticking into my shield of faith. They do me no harm there. So, *nevertheless at thy word*.

Help me say *nevertheless at thy word*, when your command runs counter to my experience. Whatever happens, my only proper course is to pursue all that is right, and avoid everything that is wrong. So help me Lord Jesus, today!

Sometimes there is a duty indicated in your word which does not seem wise to the carnal wisdom of my parents or friends. Help me say *nevertheless at thy word*, even when self-esteem gets in the way. Sometimes obedience involves self-denial. Make me more willing to follow your word, to the honor of Jesus’ name. Amen.

**WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Philemon; Colossians 1-4*  
Wednesday, December 13

**Hos. 14:3** *Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.*

Holy God and Heavenly Father:

Help me throw away all self-confidence and rely just upon you. When a child is left without its natural protector, you step in and become its guardian, *Psa. 68:5*. So also when I lose every foothold and every handhold, I can throw myself back on you and find everything I need. The fatherless are cast on the fatherhood of God as their father, and you provide for them, *Psa. 10:14*. So, help me hang-on to the bare arm of God. No faith is so well supported by facts as faith in Jesus. No trust is so certain to be rewarded with results as trust in the invisible but ever-living God.

Some children do have fathers, but are no better off because of them. Oh Lord. But the fatherless are rich when they have God. So it is better Lord, that I have you and no other friends, than it would be for me to have all the connection of the rich and famous, and no God. To be lonely and lacking relationships with human friends is painful, but to be orphaned of God is true loneliness. As long as Jesus is my fountain of mercy I am not alone in this life, and so I thank you!

**Psa. 41:9-10** *Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me. But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me...*

Lord, I want to find mercy in you and you alone. The more needy and helpless I am, the more confidently I appeal to your loving heart. My need is the basis for all my prayer. So give me a revival today in my relationship with you. Do that especially when some other sweet earthly relationship ends.

**Song 5:16** *His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.*

**A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Ephesians 1-4*  
Thursday, December 14

**Gen. 28:12** *And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.*

**ANGELS** from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story now proclaim Messiah’s birth.  
Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star.  
Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear.

Sinners, wrung with true repentance, doomed for guilt to endless pains,  
Justice now revokes the sentence, mercy calls you; break your chains.  
Though an Infant now we view Him, He shall fill His Father’s throne,  
Gather all the nations to Him; every knee shall then bow down:

*Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn king.*

—James Montgomery, 1816



**FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Ephesians 5-6; Titus 1-3*  
Friday, December 15

**2 Chron. 15:7** *Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.*

Almighty God and Gracious Redeemer:

How many times have we felt like Israel in the Old Testament? Their feet were feeble, and they stumbled along the way of the Lord with hesitating hearts. But you warned them you would be with them – if only they would strengthen themselves. Sometimes I see it is up to me. It is up to me to be bold! It is up to me to say something. If we are with you then you are with us, but if we forsake you we leave you, and so we leave all means of real blessing, success, and fruitfulness.

Such was the fate of Judah’s sister kingdom, Israel. They fared ill in their rebellion in the north, but you were gracious, even to them, when repentance was shown. That is because your desire is always to confirm us in your ways, and use us to give others the gospel. You deserve to be served with all the energy we have. Help us “get over” and give it to you today.

If serving God is worth **anything** it is worth **everything**. If the gospel is true it is worth our best sustained efforts to preach it. We know we always find our best reward in doing your will. But that reward will not come without determined diligence, and strengthening ourselves to be a testimony in this community.

**† 1 Cor. 15:58** *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

Halfhearted consecration is no consecration at all – so halfhearted work will bring no reward at all. Let us throw the weight of our souls behind your word Lord, and even accelerate through the storm. Oh that we might do this as we move to a new location, and move into the New Year! For in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS**

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Timothy 1-6*  
Saturday, December 16

**Psa. 19:11** *Moreover by [thy judgments] is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

Blessed Lord and Almighty God:

We need to bring blessing to our city today! It is full of racial strife. It is full of hatred and murder. Our city is full of violence and woe. It is a city full of cheats and manipulators. It is a place of great “wear and tear.” My city is full of stress and stir, noise and confusion...and much toil.

There are so many temptations. I suffer such setbacks, losses and worries. But to go to our city with your blessing is to step right out of struggle. To remain there with your approval is to find pleasure in our duty. For when I work for you, then you grant strength equal to all the demands!

A blessing in the city does not have to make me great, Lord. Just let it keep me good. It may not make me rich, but let it keep me honest. I pray for all my brothers and sisters in the church – whether they are teachers, programmers, office managers, doctors, lawyers, engineers, laborers or waitresses. **This city gives us all opportunities to be useful in your will.**

One thing about the crowds is this: it is always good fishing where there are schools of fish. Thank you Lord, for letting me live and work among the throngs and the masses. I might prefer a quiet life (and often dream about the country), but you have called me to my city. To where I am at. Now make room for my activity.

Give me an open ear to your voice. Give me open doors, open hearts and an open mouth! Obedience always brings blessings – especially in the city. Amen.

**Deut. 28:2-3** *And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.*

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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) TITHES—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 [hbcbbluesprings.org](http://hbcbbluesprings.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@hbcbbluesprings.org](mailto:dhill@hbcbbluesprings.org)

**Bereavement**

Families who have lost loved ones during this time  
 Deitra McGaughy Conley – Sister-in-Law of Lance Conley  
 Joyce Jackson – Mother of Ralph Tucker

**Pray for Members, Family & Friends**

Donna Harris – Mother of Jodi Contreras Fred Tonty – Brother of Jim Tonty Clarice Archie – Mother of Stephanie Archie Carletta – Sister of Sandra Cardwell Richard Freeouf Sr – Father of Richard Freeouf Ruth Guffey – Mother of Bart Guffey Jeree Campbell – Granddaughter of Marjorie Major Ruth Woodward – Sister of Becky Johnson Kynette Campbell – Daughter of Marjorie Major Dorothy Brockmeyer – Mother of Tom Brockmeyer Alfred Brockmeyer – Father of Tom Brockmeyer Michelle Hawn – Daughter of Jim and Lin Tonty Girlette Tarrecumpo – Sister of Daylyn Delaney Nolan Brown (age 3) – Nephew of Sarah Crossland Teri Beasley- sister of Sherri Cathcart Maria Cargill - Sister of Joe Contreras Rona Amundson- Mother of Jennifer Mullins Adam Larson – Friend of Joe Contreras Jim and Verla Baker Sandy Cardwell Family Rachel Litle Bill Johnston	Linda Greer Karen Matthews Lee Wendleton JoAnn Rothacher Bess Wadleigh Jamie Harris Jim & Lin Tonty Jeanie Angle Ethel & Chloe Maze Andrea Davis Gracie (8yr old) Bart Lockwood Jerline Revels Troy Skinner Scott Bell Mike Schorr Laura Peterson Ed Hale Dan Gonzales Frank Powers Chris Florence
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**Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)**

Tameka Bedell – Friend, Starks family Ginger Brown – Sister, Elaine Bredechoft Helen Keune – Mother of Kim Huber Heather Dismuke – Niece of Dave Rosetti Mike Broker - Uncle of Vince Broker Ray Fanning – Son-in-Law of Bev Guerrero Vicki Hefner Jacob Deal	Brittany Nieves Kim Fagan Karen Allen Sharon Schell Deb Molder Dorothy Williams Beverly Pittman
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**Active Duty Military**

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

**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*