

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

**MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER**

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Samuel 1-4*  
Monday, April 15

**Num. 21:8** *And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.*

My Heavenly Father:

Jesus was numbered with the transgressors (*Isa. 53:12*) and hung on a cross. I was that transgressor! Help me see that, so I can make others see it for themselves. He hung there for me. Be with me today to get the message to others about how looking to Him will heal them of the serpent-bite of sin – and heal immediately.

Lord I mourn my own sinfulness. But in faith I take note of the words, *Every one... when he looketh... shall live*. Help me by your Holy Spirit to identify the lookers crossing my path today, like my friends \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, so I can be used by you to steer their eyes to the cross of Christ! Even if they are swelling-up from venom and see no hope of survival, Lord convince them of this sure cure.

I realize today that you were not raised up on that cross as a curiosity, or not put there to be gazed on by the healthy. Your special purpose is for those who are bitten! You died as a real Savior for real sinners.

- For some, the sin-bite makes them drunks
- For some, the sin-bite makes them addicts
- For some, the sin-bite makes them thieves
- For some, the sin-bite makes them immoral
- For some, the sin-bite makes them proud, profane and abusive

Help me Lord, to help others today look to Jesus to heal all these diseases – and give them everlasting life. Then let me, by Biblical discipleship, help them grow in holiness and live in communion with you. For so I crave that for my own self today. Let me look on all your promises and live, for Jesus sake. Amen.

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

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 49; 84-87; 87*  
Thursday, April 18

† **1 John 2:6** *He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*

**T**HIS world is not my home I'm just a-passing through  
My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue  
The angels beckon me from Heaven's open door  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore

They're all expecting me and that's one thing I know  
My Savior pardoned me and now I onward go  
I know He'll take me through though I am weak and poor  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore

Just up in Glory Land we'll live eternally  
The Saints on every hand are shouting victory  
Their song of sweetest praise drifts back from Heaven's shore  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore

O Lord you know I have no friend like you  
If Heaven's not my home then Lord what will I do?  
The angels beckon me from Heaven's open door  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore

—Jim Reeves



**TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST'S MIRACLES**

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 6; 9-10; 14; 16; 21*  
Tuesday, April 16

**Matt. 8:13** *And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.*

My Lord and Lover, Jesus:

Thank you for never being put-off by my problems. Any other physician would be puzzled by the symptoms of paralysis – and yet acute pain with that paralysis – which were brought to you in this story.

There are so many problems that tax me Lord, and sometimes I feel at so much of a loss. So paralyzed – because so many of my issues are a tangled ball of yarn. I cannot follow the thread, and when I do follow it, then knots and gnarls are my reward. Yet you understand every complicated phenomena of pain in my life – every hurt and heart-wound. Your word makes a way for itself, undisturbed and undelayed. Eternal energy enters my soul when you say, *I will come and heal him*.

The servant was on the verge of dying. And Lord so am I – in many ways some days. Any other doctor would just shake his head and say, “You should have come sooner.” But even when I am late to call, you still hear. Even when I am reluctant to cast my care on you (*1 Pet. 5:7*), still yet you answer. I am never beyond the reach of the Healer! Thank you, Lord.

You are a paramedic for all emergencies. **I should never hesitate to hope while I pray.** I should never debate about bringing you the case of someone I think is impossible. Because if I can believe in my great Savior with a mighty faith, I will yet hear you say of many a reprobate, *I will come and heal him*.

You can heal from a distance, as well as from near at hand. Your power is present in your absence by your Holy Spirit, which I have. You can even wound the hearts of the lost by an arrow from a prayer which I send. They may shut me out, but they cannot shut you out. So reach them with the gospel today. Amen.

**FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY**

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Chronicles 3-5*  
Friday, April 19

**Psa. 119:9** *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.*

O, Our Lord and Maker:

How many of our affections become vain infatuations within a matter of weeks? Even though submitted in the furnace of reality, we want our decision to love you, and to have your heart, to stick with us. Fix our hearts on your word, so we will resolve to adjust our way of life to match your way of holiness! Cleanse our way, because the closer we are to your glory, the more we see of our sin.

Our hearts are fixed – the decision is made. Now keep us from wandering away from your presence. Help us constantly adjust our lives by the movements of your Spirit, to align our lives with your word, for then the Spirit will answer, and we will have power to live to your glory. This is the greatest request of our church!

**Psa. 119:11** *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

Give us the motivation to use repetition to build Bible principles into our lives, until they become second nature. Only in this way can we have a heart that beats and burns with yours. **Help us meditate on your words day and night, and pray as a result of that biblical meditation.** Help us do this by your Spirit, so that we can interact with you! Feed our hearts today on Jesus.

**Psa. 119:13** *With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.*

Lord, make us sufficient to teach your word and disciple others. Especially make us proficient at declaring the gospel of Jesus! Submission to you, and heartfelt praise will create an environment in which learning can occur. In this way we can see you use us to change hearts, and not just puff heads!

Lord, your duties are not drudgery because of our love for you. We delight in prayer, as we delight in your word, as we delight to serve to your glory. Amen!

**WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING**

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Chronicles 1-2; Psalm, 43-44*  
Wednesday, April 17

† **Psa. 1:1** *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*

Holy God to Whom I Belong:

Blessed is the person. Let me open my day with this beatitude. Lord, I claim this blessing as my own. Help me order my footsteps by the word of God and not by the advice of others.

**Psa. 1:2** *But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

Make my delight your law. Lead me to grab a text today, so I can carry it with me everywhere. At night when I cannot sleep, make me meditate on it. When trouble comes let me comfort myself, not in some vain hope, but in the promises of your word! Prayer is what re-sets my soul to receive the promises.

**Psa. 1:3** *And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

Lord, I don't want to be a wild tree, but a tree planted. I want to be your chosen and personal property. Cultivate me and secure me from any uprooting. Give me the rivers, Lord. Because then if one river fails I can drink from another. I need the river of pardon and the river of grace; I need the river of promise and the river of fellowship. These are my never-failing sources of supply.

Then Lord, give me revival so I can bring forth fruit in due season.

**Gal. 6:9** *And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

If I will but delight in your word and be taught by it, I can bring out patience in the season of suffering, faith in the season of trial, and humble joy in the season of success. Make it so Lord, for Jesus' blessed sake. Amen.

**SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS**

Chronological Bible Reading: *1 Chronicles 6; Psalm 36; 39; 77-78*  
Saturday, April 20

**Psa. 63:1** *O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;*

Lofty Master:

David did not stop singing just because he was in the wilderness, but he made his worship match his circumstances, and presented a “desert desiderata” to you. Lord, is there desert inside me, just because there is desert around me? Then I have not learned the purpose of praise! If I am in a rough spot, let me just take the stones and construct an altar to your name, and *bless the Lord at all times*.

Faith is a reason for diligence. I am eager to seek you when I am pressed. I will not wait for noon, but *early will I seek thee*. I consecrate my prayer time to fellowship with you “early” in any trouble, and at the beginning of every pain.

A weary place and a weary heart make me long for you right now. Let all my desires become just one: to seek your kingdom and righteousness, *Matt. 6:33*.

**Psa. 63:7** *Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.*

Meditation and contemplation are the reasons that I can sing. Help my praise anticipate your heaven. Maybe I need the wilderness in order to keep me awake! I can see best in the dark if I am looking at you.

Let meditation refresh my memory and remind me of your gracious mercies. Your hand runs through my daily journal – helping me in hurts, upholding me in needs, being with me in busyness, and calming me in confusion. **The best use of my memory is to give me proofs of your faithfulness, because on those proofs I can grow greater faith.** Then I am not only safe, but also happy.

Lord I seek you and your truth! Deliver me, and reveal yourself for Jesus' wonderful sake. 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](http://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](mailto:dhill@hbcbluesprings.org)

**Bereavement**

Families who have lost loved ones during this time  
Jane Minch – Aunt of Tracie Guffey

**Pray for Members, Family & Friends**

Donna Harris – Mother of Jodi Contreras  
Fred Tonty – Brother of Jim Tonty  
Clarice Archie – Mother of Stephanie Archie  
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  
Maria Cargill - Sister of Joe Contreras  
Rona Amundson- Mother of Jennifer Mullins  
LaTrecia Thornton – daughter of Larry Washington  
Sandy Cardwell Family  
Shirley Goodlow – Mother of Malea Wilson  
Sadie Timmins – 2 months old  
Norma Nickell – Grandmother of Cherokee Johnson  
Mike Hutchinson – Brother of Tracie Guffey  
Conchita Broker – Sister-in-law of Vince Broker  
Barbara Chambers – Mother of Rachel Bowman  
Jason Williamson – friend of Dan Boyer  
Wendy Mayer – Daughter of Vince & Willie Broker  
Phyllis Keith – Mother of Pam Tann  
Gloria Lawson – Sister of Rhonda Brown

Linda Greer  
Karen Matthews  
Lee Wendleton  
JoAnn Rothacher  
Bess Wadleigh  
Jim & Lin Tonty  
Bart Lockwood  
Laura Peterson  
Jodi Contreras  
Ruth Wise  
Verla Baker  
Ferrel Hunt  
Linda Thomas  
Micaiah Mercado  
Scott Brown  
Dorothy Williams  
Joe Contreras

**Soft Touch (Cancer Treatment)**

Tameka Bedell – Friend, Starks family  
Ginger Brown – Sister, Elaine Bredehoft  
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  
Don Bass – Cousin of Jane & Ruth Klema  
Sherill Hackett – Sister-in-Law of Teresa Lapointe  
Vicki Hefner

Brittany Nieves  
Kim Fagan  
Karen Allen  
Deb Molder  
Beverly Pittman  
Mary (JJ) Truesdale  
Brian Smith  
Jacob Deal

**Active Duty Military**

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

**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*

