

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

MONDAY—EVANGELISTIC PRAYER

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Sam 7; 1 Chron 17; Psalms 1-2; 33; 127;132*
Monday, April 29

Job 14:5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

Lord of Our Life:

You give this life to me to live. You have appointed my lot and determined my bounds, but you also surround me with great and gracious influencers – leaders and disciplers. You write your law **in** my heart, and you gave me pastors and teachers and disciplers and Christian friends **outside** my heart.

In my heart’s most secret room you wait to talk to me through your word and my prayer. You offer me fellowship freely in spite of all my sins, *1 Cor. 1:9*. I now want to walk with you this open road of peace. So I approach your presence boldly. I leave behind all anxiety and frustration, all unworthy desires, all thoughts of bitterness or revenge, and all hesitancy of surrendering my will to yours.

- In your will Lord, is my peace
- In your love Lord, is my security
- In your word Lord, is my trust
- In your ministry Lord, is my joy
- You are all my heart’s desire

Psa. 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

So now in your presence, I think not only of myself but others, especially those who need to get saved! Of my friends like _____. Of those I work with like _____. Of those who are in sorrow or bad health like _____. Of those who are manning difficult stations, or lonely outposts in your work like _____. Draw sinners to the cross! Be near them. Keep watch over them. Hear our prayers today for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

TUESDAY—FOCUS ON CHRIST’S LIFE

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Samuel 8-9; 1 Chronicles 18*
Tuesday, April 30

Luke 1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Great Father:

Make **us** a people prepared for the Lord. You have to do it Lord, for I am stuck in the mud. I cannot help Spirit lead from our new location – I am only follow. So I come to you in weakness, guilt and shame. But I take Jesus for my all.

Is that not true preparation of heart for you to move? Do you not bless brokenness? Faith is a matter of thought and meditation on your word, and I am contemplating right now what you require of me to be prepared. I am here. I am woke to your desires Lord – I am not sleeping.

Hag. 1:5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

But Lord, John the Baptist led them even further than that, because **they started to expect something, as well as to hope and prepare for something.** And they began with looking at their children! If the pastor preaches expecting your movement, and I come expecting to move, will I not see it? God grant it!

John did more than that because he cried, *Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*. So put a pressure of urgency upon me – because the same kingdom is still at had with your return. Rain down your power – rain down the power that leads men and women to make up their minds – to feel like their decision has to be made immediately, and putting it off is impossible because it would be a form of insanity.

I have sinned. Change my mind in reference to that sin. Make me stop the sin, mourn over it, and ask forgiveness for it. Give me a love for righteousness that is the clear result of the Spirit. Bring me into greater fellowship, so I can drive other men and women to Jesus. And do it because of his work on Calvary. Amen.

WEDNESDAY—REVIVAL PRAYING

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Sam 10; 1 Chron 19; Psalms 20; 53; 60; 75*
Wednesday, May 1

Jer. 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD

Gracious God and Mighty Master:

Truly, whatever else I do not know, I know you. Today this promise is true at least in my experience, and it is not a little one. I thank you I know God in Jesus Christ, and I understand your word through your indwelling Holy Spirit. It is not as fully as I desire, but yet it is true and real as I read. **Revive it and make it more!**

I thank you I do not just know doctrines about you, but I know you. You are my Father and my friend. I am no more a stranger to you, and *the secret of the Lord* is with me, *Psa. 25:14*. I can pray and say, *My Lord and my God, John 20:28*. I am on terms of close communion since your work of salvation. Help me spend this day in your presence. **Let me acknowledge your Spirit so I will have his power.**

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

I thank you Lord, that I see more than natural science can teach. Flesh and blood has not revealed God to me, but your word and your Spirit do.

You will return so soon, and when you do you are coming for me! In the meantime give me the evidence of being quickened to newness of life in Christ, so that my life and revival will testify, and even transmit His ability to others. Today I want to meditate on your word until I make it real in my experience. Let that be my “word of testimony.” **Holt Spirit, answer to your word!**

Help me rejoice in this knowledge, and bless the Lord all day – despite any circumstance or situation in which your providence leads me. For so I make my request, in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.

A DAILY PATTERN FOR PRAYER & BIBLE READING

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 65-66; 69-70*

Thursday, May 2

† 1 Pet. 3:14-15 But and if ye suffer for righteousness’ sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

O LOVE that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.

—George Matheson, 1882



FRIDAY—CORPORATE PRAYER MINISTRY

Chronological Bible Reading: *2 Sam 11-12; 1 Chron 20; Psalm 51*

Friday, May 3

Psa. 119:17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

My Holy Master:

We recognize – what we get out of life is directly related to our love for you and your word. But learning the Bible does not come naturally to us. So give us the grace to be disciplined as we are disciplined. Make us into servants, because when we approach the Bible with pride we do not see its depths. Help us move over to the other side of this divine two-way mirror, and see the circumstances of our lives from the same perspective as you. The only way for us to understand is if – Holy Spirit! – you answer to your word as our Teacher.

Psa. 119:18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

We do not want to see just anything. We want to see the *wondrous things*. Since we are no longer blind, we do not want to go through life with our eyes closed because of having a shut Bible! So give us the fruit that comes from an open Book, allowing the word of God to do the work on our life.

Psa. 119:19 I am a stranger in the earth; hide not thy commandments from me.

To be **seers** we have to be **seekers**. We get truth out of the Bible according to the attitude we bring to it. Help us then, to be more of a *stranger in the earth* – having renounced the things of this world, and recognizing there is a new world to come. If we renounce our rights to things down here, then there is no reason for you to hide the truth you reserve for us. Help us today to establish our hearts so firmly in heaven, that nothing on earth can pull us away. And we do not want this to be just pious talk, but a genuine walk. That is why we say,

Psa. 119:20 My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

I break it today, as Mary did her alabaster box, just for you Jesus. Amen.

SATURDAY—IN THE PSALMS

Chronological Bible Reading: *Psalms 32; 86; 102-103; 122*

Saturday, May 4

Psa. 64:10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

Gracious God:

When I pray out loud it helps my concentration, but even mental prayer has a voice which you hear. My prayers that are unheard on earth (because of being unvoiced by my mouth) are still the best ones heard at your throne.

I see David often turning to this prayer as his most powerful weapon. Remind me to turn (and return) to it today. I can use it under the pressures of inward sin and outward strife. I am sure I act most wisely when I make prayer my first recourse – and my most trusted resource – in any hour of need.

Thank you Lord, for knowing how to give me peace! You are more than a match for all my haters. You can defeat both their best-laid secret plans, and their open hostilities.

Sometimes slander is their “stealth weapon.” I am sure I can expect malicious people to wield it effectively. As soldiers grind their swords to give them a cutting edge that will wound so deeply, so do some people invent false motives that are calculated to inflict pain, and sever my good relationships. They stab at reputation. They kill even the honor of being righteous. What is there that an evil tongue will not say? So I seek for your protection.

Do not let me learn the arts of self-defense – I do not need them as much as I need you. My protection is in better hands than my own. Unbelievers may fear, but I am a child of God. I confess my security in your power and justice. You will not forget your promises, even when I forget them. Help me depend on them this weekend, so I do not have to respond in kind, but can respond supernaturally through the strength of your Spirit – because it is only on him that I rely. 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) TITHE—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
 Jane Minch – Aunt of Tracie Guffey
 Jimmy Holman. Brother of Melody Holman
 Tracy Cooper. Cousin of Melody Holman
 David Jones – Brother-in-law of Verla Baker

Pray for Members, Family & Friends

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
 Ruth Woodward – Sister of Becky Johnson
 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
 Shirley Goodlow – Mother of Malea Wilson
 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
 Phyllis Keith – Mother of Pam Tann
 Gloria Lawson – Sister of Rhonda Brown
 Danny Gobble – Gobble/Boyer family
 Valori Sanders – Daughter of Marjorie Major
 James McConnico – Father of Ruth Jackson

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
 Katie Stephens

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
 Naomi – Neighbor of Joe Contreras

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

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