

jenaministries – Part 3 List of Prayers

16. A Prayer for Discernment & Wisdom

Dear Lord,

I come to you in humility and ask for discernment and wisdom so that I may better serve you (**Psalm 119:125**) and understand your statutes.

Thank you for your Holy Spirit that touches our hearts and brings us comfort and knowledge (**Exodus 31:3**). I pray Lord, that your Holy Spirit be with me through this entire journey of life you've given me. Thank you for never forsaking me.

May false prophets and/or religious leaders not sway me from the truth that is from only you. I pray I have discernment when someone tells me something false, especially when they say it is a word from God; even if it is from a preacher or someone with a high spiritual reputation.

And help me as I teach people and try to lead them to you (**2 Chronicles 1:10**). Give me wisdom of what to say. May every word I say come from you and honor you (**Psalm 111:10**).

You say (**James 1:3-7**) if we ask for wisdom, you will give it to us without finding fault. Help me to be persistent in seeking wisdom from you. Motivate me to study scriptures and read the Bible regularly.

I'm not praying for worldly wisdom. Too much of that leads to arrogance and pride. But more so, I'm praying for your wisdom (**James 3:15-17**). The wisdom that leads to peace, respect, love, and mercy.

I do, however, seek discernment of people who are evil and may appear outwardly to be good. Help me and my loved ones to have discernment when danger or evil is near.

As you give me wisdom, please help me not to boast about it. But to only boast in you (**1 Corinthians 1:28-31**), which is where all wisdom and discernment comes from. I don't want to appear like I think I know everything or that I'm super knowledgeable. Or appear that I think I'm better than others. I just want to be a better servant for you.

Most of all Lord, I desire wisdom that will bring me closer to you (**Ephesians 1:17**) and know you better. For there is no better place to be than in your presence.

I pray in that wonderful name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and savior. Amen.

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Psalm 119:125 I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes.

Exodus 31:3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—

2 Chronicles 1:10 Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

James 1:3-7 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

James 3:15-17 Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

1 Corinthians 1:28-31 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

Ephesians 1:17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.