

PROVERBS PRAYER GUIDE

December 1 - Proverbs 1

- 1-7 : Call to the Lord for wisdom and instruction. Ask that we would know what and how to live today and in this season, with the fear of the Lord. Intercede for the young and old for wisdom. Call out! Jeremiah 33:3, Matthew 7:7
- 8-19 : Ask the Lord to reveal any ungodly covenants, agreements, partnerships, etc. in your life. Break ties with these! Amos 3:3, 1 Corinthians 15:33, Galatians 6:7
- 20-33 : Turn away from any and all major or minor sins and receive the Spirit of wisdom, joy, and counsel. Worship Him for His grace! Trust the Lord to guide and protect you in times of trouble. Isaiah 58:8-12, Psalm 46

December 2 - Proverbs 2

- 1-5 : What wonderful promises! Call out for insight and literally raise your voice in prayer and worship, asking, knocking, seeking for insight & understanding. Allow the Lord to work in any hidden places and heal your heart. Nehemiah 1:4-11, Jeremiah 29:13, Psalm 90:12
- 6-10 : Trust the Lord for wisdom and guidance, and follow Him! Trust Him for knowledge and understanding of His ways. Praise Him for a heart that delights in His knowledge and ways! Psalm 1:1-2, Psalm 23, Micah 6:8
- 11-22 : Submit all of your ways of speech and relationships to the LORD. Praise Him for deliverance from crooked speech & ungodly relationships. Isaiah 58:6, Isaiah 30:18-21

December 3 - Proverbs 3

- 1-8 : Remember what the Lord has shown you! Trust fully in the Lord and His ways. Walk with the Lord, in His joy and might. Isaiah 58:8-11, John 14:26
- 9-12 : Honor the Lord with your resources, first-fruits! Accept the correction of the Good Shepherd. Malachi 1:6-14, Psalm 23:4
- 13-35 : Do not lose sight of the wisdom and ways of the One who formed the earth! Seek Him continually and find His refreshment, joy and provision. Do not fear; instead trust Him, walk in His ways, and bless those around you. Luke 10:25-37, Philippians 4:4-6

December 4: Proverbs 4

- 1-13 : Meditate on the lessons of spiritual fathers and mothers. Remember their council! Ask the Lord for wisdom & insight for your family, work, community and nation. Repent for turning from the ancient paths of faith and wisdom. Exodus 20:12, Jeremiah 18:15
- 14-19 : Believe the way of the Lord is the only way! Walk the narrow way, even when uncomfortable. Matthew 7:13-14
- 20-27 : Continually meditate on the word of the Lord, written by His Spirit. Watch over your heart! Ask the Lord for wisdom to do this. Fix your eyes on Jesus and His Kingdom, not allowing distractions into your heart. Isaiah 26:3, John 7:38

December 5: Proverbs 5

- 1-2 : Pay attention to the promptings of the Spirit. Ask the Lord wisdom and understanding, to 'keep discretion". Discretion: "the quality of behaving or speaking in such a way as to avoid causing offense or revealing private information." James 3
- 3-14 : Be careful who we listen to! The LIPS of the foreign or strange woman drip honey. Ask the Spirit to give wisdom and insight on who and what you are listening to (face to face, telephone, media, social media, etc.). Psalm 1, Judges 16
- 15-23 : Press into the life giving community of the Lord. Delight in whom the Lord has provided for you! Ask for life giving relationships. Drink deeply and be refreshed! Know the eyes of the Lord are upon you, seeking to support those whose heart is blameless towards Him. Song of Solomon 4, 2 Chronicles 16:9a

December 6: Proverbs 6

- 1-11 : Pray for revelation of any personal unwise choices (financial, relational, etc) in the past and humble yourself, making things right between you and God, and others if needed. 2 Corinthians 7:1, 9-11; Hebrews 13:5, Galatians 6:7
- 12-19 : Ask the Lord to search your heart and if you are desiring or practicing anything that the Lord hates. We must hate it ourselves, confess it and turn from it, receiving His abundant mercy. 2 Chronicles 7:14b; Acts 3:19
- 20-35 : Pray for God to give you a love and hunger for His Word and a desire for godly wisdom which provides protection from temptations Romans 16:9b; pray that the Lord would continue to purify His Bride from spiritual adultery, all forms of lust, perversions, and idols bringing her back to her first love. Revelation 2:4-5
- Finally, ask the Lord to transform us, individually and corporately, so that our behaviour and deeds are done in the gentleness of wisdom which promotes peace. Meditate on *James 3:3-18*.

December 7: Proverbs 7

- 1-5 : Ask the Lord if your heart is good soil for His Word to grow and bear fruit. Are you guarding your heart from those things which would contaminate the soil? Mat 12:35, Psalm 119:11. Are there particular "voices" that are seducing you away from Wisdom? Be honest with yourself and with the Lord. James 1:14-15
- 6-23 : The wayward woman represents the many images and voices in our society vying for our attention. What are your areas of particular weakness and how are you protecting yourself from danger? 1 Corinthians 10:13 Ask the Lord to strengthen your will to say 'no' to evil and 'yes' to righteousness. Titus 2:11-14 Pray that God's people would pick up their cross, and walk the narrow road of denying self (personal gratification) that leads to LIFE. Matthew 16:24
- 24-27 : Are you guarding your heart by not only reading the Word, but by practicing it? James 1:21-25; Are you diligent in confirming that your behavior reflects and confirms your relationship with God? 1 Peter 1:10-11. Pray that God's people would choose to walk in righteousness through the power of the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus that sets us free from the Law of Sin and Death. Romans 8:2

December 8: Proverbs 8

 1-11 : Give thanks for Wisdom's voice that pursues and calls to all - that calls to you. In Bible Gateway the footnote for verse 5 notes the Septuagint Hebrew translation is, *"foolish, instruct your minds."* Pray for the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 10:5 (Amp)

- 12-21 : Pray for the Lord to teach you the "Fear of the Lord" training you to hate what He hates; pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. Ask for His Holy Spirit to lead and guide you into all truth. Give thanks to God for He has already given us a spirit of power, love and self- control. 2 Timothy 1:7
- 22-31 : Give thanks for God's divine and eternal Wisdom, who we are told in John 17:5 had glory with the Father before the world began. Commentaries note the best exposition to these verses is in the first four verses of John, "In the beginning was the Word....In Him was life and that life was the light of men". Pray that the light of Christ shines in our darkness, opening our eyes, enlightening us with divine understanding and revelation of God.
- 32-36 : Father, I thank you that when we ask you for wisdom, you give it generously without finding fault. James 1:5. Pray for this wisdom from above. Ask the Lord to give His people ears to hear and a love for Him which obeys and delights in His instructions. Lord, I desire to watch and wait patiently for You and I thank you for the great blessings when I do; I will find life and receive favour from you for you are a Good Good God!

December 9: Proverbs 9

- 1-6 : Pray that we may be a 'true' spiritual house both individually and corporately which is built by wisdom. Pray for opportunities to invite others to the banquet the Lord is preparing. 1 Peter 2:5
- 7-12 : Pray that we will be humble enough to receive the Lord's instruction and discipline, even rebuke and not fear man. Psalm 34:11-14; Isaiah 51:12. Ask the Lord to search our hearts for any ways we have mocked Him or others. Psalm 139:24
- 13-18 : Pray for God to reveal any areas of our lives where we lack discipline, either physically, spiritually or emotionally/in our minds. Ask the Lord if there is anything that would be considered stolen water or food eaten in secret. Expect God's grace to enable you to follow through on your commitments to Him. Meditate on *Galatians* 5:19-25.

December 10: Proverbs 10

- 1-5 : Pray that we will honor the Lord in all our dealings with money. Ask the Lord if we have any area where we withhold from Him, our making, spending or giving of money. Isaiah 55:2; Matthew 6:24
- 12-22, 31-32 : Pray that our mouths will be filled with wisdom, that our words would bring life and knowledge, and our "lips know what is fitting". Have our words brought life or death to those around us? Proverbs 18:21, 1 Peter 3:10, Proverbs 15:1
- 6, 22-30 : Pray that we would be diligent laborers and be willing to work hard to bring in the harvest in these last days. Matthew 9:37-38

December 11: Proverbs 11

- 2-8 : Humble yourself before the Lord; place your trust in His righteousness, not your wealth or any other thing. Daniel 4:27, Hosea 10:12
- 9-13 : Repent of any gossip and godless words you have spoken to or about another person, especially Christians. Titus 3:1-2, James 4:11
- 14 : Ask the Lord for godly advisors and guidance for our country. Proverbs 12:15, 13:10, 15:22
- 30 : pray for those who need to be saved and commit yourself to win souls. Daniel 12:3, Luke 5:10, 1 Corinthians 9:19-20

December 12: Proverbs 12

- 1, 9-11, 24, 27 : Commit to being faithful in spiritual disciplines and diligent in carrying out your responsibilities. Proverbs 13:4, 18, 14:23
- 16 : Confess any annoyance you carry or offense you have taken and forgive the other person. Proverbs 15:18, Matthew 5:9
- 17-23 : Ask the Lord for help to speak truth, not lies or deception, and to be one who brings healing and promotes peace. Romans 12:18, Ephesians 4:25

December 13: Proverbs 13

- 1, 10, 14 : Ask for and heed instruction and teaching from fathers and mothers, both natural and spiritual. Proverbs 31:26, Acts 18:26
- 12, 19 : Ask the Lord for fulfillment of our longing for good leaders in the Body of Christ, government, and all the spheres of our lives. Psalm 107:9, Matthew 5:6
- 20 : Commit to be one who "walks" only with wise people. Psalm 1:1, 119:63, 1 Corinthians 15:33

December 14: Proverbs 14

- 1-7 : Commit to "build your house", walk uprightly, and speak truth by the knowledge and discernment of the Lord. Proverbs 31:27, Zechariah 8:16
- 8, 12, 15-18,29 : Be prudent and set aside time to give thought to your ways to gain wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Proverbs 15:5, 18:15, 22:3, Amos 5:13
- 33-35 : Ask the Lord for wisdom and discernment for yourself and those who lead the Church and our government. Proverbs 15:14, Hosea 14:9, Matthew 7:24, James 1:5

December 15: Proverbs 15

- 1-4, 7, 23 : Ask for God's help to be careful and wise in what you say and how you say it. Proverbs 16:24, 22:11, 1 Timothy 4:12
- 8-10, 12, 28-33 : Pay attention to discipline, heed correction, remain humble, and commit to be righteous before the Lord. Hebrews 12:5-11
- 20-24 : Ask for wisdom in honoring your parents, having good judgment, keeping a straight course on the path of life, and gaining counsel. Deuteronomy 5:16, Psalm 119:66, 3 John 3-4

December 16: Proverbs 16

- 1-5, 9, 21-23 : Pray for a pure and righteous heart before the Father
- 10, 13, 23-28 : Pray the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts will speak life and wisdom into our lives and those around us; shun every proud and evil word. Psalm 19:14
- 2, 10, 16-19, 31-32 : Pray for God to reveal any pride, manipulation or control in your life and return to the fear of the Lord.

December 17: Proverbs 17

- 1-6, 9,15-18,20-25 : Pray that our priorities would be God's priorities looking from heaven's eternal perspective being especially mindful of our character Colossians 3:2; Matthew 6:21
- 4,7,11-14,19,26 : Pray that those who confess the Lord Jesus, would put away strife, contention and arguments, being quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. Repent personally in areas where you have fallen into these habits/sins James 1:19; Philippians 4:5
- 10,15, 22-28 : Cry out for a teachable spirit pray that God's people would humble themselves and learn from one another Psalm 1:1-6

December 18: Proverbs 18

- 1-9: As you read these verses, consider how your words affect others; do they build up or tear down, do they speak truth in love or in condemnation? Pray for the grace to no longer indulge in the sinful nature but rather to serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13
- To follow Wisdom is a choice. Make known to the Lord that you choose the way of Wisdom and ask Father God to increase your desire and receptivity for the wisdom that comes from above.
- 10-19 : God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Know that as God's

chosen people that you are holy and dearly loved. Therefore clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12. Give thanks that the Lord is a strong tower that you can run to and be safe. Ask the Lord to teach you to live a life of love as in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

December 19: Proverbs 19

- 1,4,7,17 : Pray for the poor, destitute, needy and broken in our communities. Pray that they would encounter the kindness of the Lord through his generous servants that they would be brought to repentance, healing and restoration. Psalm 112:9; Psalm 112:5-7; Romans 2:4
- 5,6,9,10 : Pray for exposure and freedom from deception and all forms of hypocrisy and worldly influences both personally and corporately. Pray for a deepening of love for the truth, and a sincere heart. 2 Thessalonians 2:10; Ephesians 4:15; Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 2:15-17
- 2,3,18-29 : Pray for a right understanding of the Lord's discipline in our lives. Pray for submissive hearts, accepting those things we do not understand, without bitterness or anger. Hebrews 12:5; Proverbs 3:11-12

December 20: Proverbs 20

- 6 : Fill us with your love and that we will be trustworthy in all; Matthew 6:2 ; Psalm 12.1
- 11 : Pray that we will become like children that are pure and right. Matthew 7:16; Proverbs 20:12 ; Luke 6 43,44
- 12-17 : Lord we pray for your wisdom and that the knowledge that we speak will come from you and you alone Job 28:18; Job 28:12-19
- 18 : Lord we pray for wise leaders and we pray that you will fill them with wisdom. Luke 14:31; 2 Samuel 2:26,27

December 21: Proverbs 21

- 15 : Pray for your justice and for the appointment of just judges. Proverbs 10:29 ; Psalm 40.8
- 21 : Pray that we will pursue righteousness and Love. Matthew 5.6; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Isaiah 51:1
- 22 : Give us the wisdom to guard our mouths and tongues. Ecclesiastes 7:19, 9:15; 2 Samuel 20: 16-22
- 31 : Pray for wisdom, we pray for your victories and we are thankful to be partakers of your glory Psalm 3:8; Psalm 33:17; Isaiah 31:1

December 22: Proverbs 22

- 4 : Ask for wisdom and fear of our God to walk in humility before Him. 1 Timothy 4:8; Daniel 4:36
- 12 : Ask that the Lord keep watch over us and the knowledge that He gives us. 2 Chronicles 16:9; Isaiah 59:19-22; Acts 5:39
- 22 : Ask that we will not exploit the poor, that we will know Father's heart for the widows and the orphans. Exodus 23:6; Leviticus 25:7 Job 31:16

December 23: Proverbs 23

- 9: Ask for wisdom in all situations. Matthew 7:6 Proverbs 1:7
- 12 : Ask from the giver of all wisdom, wisdom and knowledge and open hearts and ears. Ezekiel 33:31; James 1:21-25
- 26 : Ask that our hearts will be one with Father's heart, that our eyes will be set upon Him, His ways. Psalm 1:2; Matthew 10:37,38.

December 24: Proverbs 24

- 3 : Ask for wisdom and understanding in all that we are building. Proverbs 14:1; 1 Corinthians 3:9
- 14 : Trust in the Lord in all things that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 119:103; Jeremiah 15:6
- 32 : Ask that you give us strength to apply our hearts to all we have learned. Job 7:17; Psalm 4:4; Luke 2:19,55

December 25: Proverbs 25

- 2 : Cry out for You for Your glory Lord, that we will be diligent to seek you and your truth. Proverbs 25:3 Romans 11:33
- 15 : Ask for patience and gentleness, first for ourselves but also for our leaders. Proverbs 15:1; Ecclesiastes 10:4; Genesis 32:4;
- 25 : Pray that we will encourage one another that we will bring good news to the lost and the poor. Proverbs 15:30; 2 Samuel 23:15 Psalm 42:1,2; Isaiah 55:1

December 26: Proverbs 26

- 1-12 : Pray for God to expose any foolish, immature, or presumptuous thinking or opinions you may hold. 1 Corinthians 13:11-13
- 13 : Pray that God would bring to light anything that hinders you from a faithful, righteous walk, and that would keep you from the blessings of the Lord. Romans 8:6-8
- 24-28 : Pray that we would speak life into all circumstances. Proverbs 18:21

December 27: Proverbs 27

- 1-13 : Pray for your friends, as well as those who despitefully use you, bless those who curse you and ask for discernment over words spoken to you. Ask God for discernment on what words spoken to you to retain and what to break off. Matthew 5:10-16; Hebrews 5:14
- 17-19 : Pray that the word of God would dwell in you richly and bring forth the fruit for which God has given it to you. Colossians 3:16; Isaiah 55:11
- 22-27 : Pray for strength, discipline to be diligent in your pursuit of God and in living a righteous life. Pray for God to remove any sin, enticement, discouragement or weariness that would keep you from the full measure of His purpose in your life. Isaiah 40:27-31

December 28: Proverbs 28

- 12: We ask God to give us righteous leaders and to preserve us from the wicked rising to power. 2 Kings 11: 20; Job 24: 2-4; Isaiah 9: 6–7.
- 13: We ask God that our nations will acknowledge and confess sin so that He will have mercy on us and forgive us. Daniel 4: 27; I John 1: 9.
- 27: We ask God to help us remember the poor and oppressed and take action on their behalf. Psalm 12: 5; Psalm 68: 1, 5–6 Psalm 82: 1–4.

December 29: Proverbs 29

- 4 : We ask God for rulers who by justice will bring stability to our nations, and not be open to bribes. I Kings 10: 9; Proverbs 14: 34.
- 18 : We ask for revelation of God's law so the people will not cast of restraint. Psalm 119: 16; Psalm 119: 105 Matthew 5: 17–18.
- 25 : We ask God for the fear of the Lord to come upon our nations, and to deliver us from the fear of man that gives rise to political correctness. Deuteronomy 6:13; Proverbs 9:10; Isaiah 11: 2–3.

December 30: Proverbs 30

- 7-17 : Pray for godly contentment and thankfulness in the Body of Christ 1 Timothy 6:6-11; Colossians 3:15
- 1-6, 18-33 : Pray for God's people to walk in honour, preferring one another, putting away pride, arrogance, self-promotion and selfish ambition. Cry out for grace. Romans 12:10; James 4:6; Philippians 2:3-4

December 31: Proverbs 31

- 8 : Lord, we pray that we will boldly speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Jeremiah 21:12; Matthew 25: 25-40
- 10 : Lord, we pray that you would enable wives to be a blessing to their husbands, children and to their communities. Genesis 2:18; Ruth 3:11b.
- 23 : Lord, raise up elders in our cities with authority to lead us into righteousness. Exodus 3:18; Deuteronomy 4:5–6; 27:1; Ruth 4:1.
- 30–1: Lord, we thank you for God-fearing women and ask that their authority be recognized at the city gates. Proverbs 9:10; Romans 16:1–6.