

## 1-1-2025 Prayer for Wisdom & Revelation

Happy New Year! Like a runner or swimmer in the blocks – 2025 has leapt into motion. What better way to start the year than focusing our hearts and minds on seeking God's wisdom.

### Movement 1... Reflect then pray

The Bible is filled with prayers for wisdom.

- Psalmist in **Psalm 111:10**,  
"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding."
- Moses in **Psalm 90:12**  
"Teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom."
- Solomon in **1 Kings 3:8-12 excerpts**  
<sup>8</sup>Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. <sup>9</sup>So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"  
<sup>10</sup>The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. <sup>11</sup>So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, <sup>12</sup>I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you."
- Men of Issachar in **1 Chronicles 12:32**  
"from Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do"
- **Daniel 2:20-23**  
"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
wisdom and power are his.  
<sup>21</sup>He changes times and seasons;  
he deposes kings and raises up others.  
He gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to the discerning.  
<sup>22</sup>He reveals deep and hidden things;  
he knows what lies in darkness,  
and light dwells with him.

<sup>23</sup>I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors:

You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you,

- Paul in **Ephesians 1:17-19**  
<sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit<sup>[1]</sup> of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

### Colossians 4:5-6

<sup>2</sup>Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. <sup>3</sup>And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup>Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup>Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup>Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

1. How has God guided you through wisdom in 2024?
2. Pray God guides you through wisdom in 2025.
3. Pick one passage to pray into for you and our UGTN family and for our governmental leaders.

### Movement 2... Reflect then pray for Jesus to lead you.

Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who leads his sheep by his voice through the Holy Spirit.

John 10:3,14,16, 27-29

"The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out".

<sup>14</sup>"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I

must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice...

<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

- ⇒ This may seem new, but as an experiment, jot down on a pad or digital note, each month with some space after.
- ⇒ Invite Jesus to reveal anything he would like you to know for that month. Jot it down. Pray, watch and wait. Each month end, review what you wrote, and grow in your discernment.

### **Logistics...**

- ⇒ **Next UPPER ROOM will be Jan. 5 @ Empty Cup Coffee @ 10 a.m.**