# Pray Proverbs for Wisdom

I read a chapter from Proverbs every day. Since this is part of my daily routine, it made sense for me lo begin turning at least one of these Proverbs into a prayer each day. I've marked the most appropri­ate verses (for me) in each chapter of my Bible. When I get to that verse in my reading, I say it as a prayer, asking God to grow that piece of wisdom into a characteristic in my life. As an example, I've included prayers I've written from the first 10 chapters:

1:5 Lord, help me to seek daily after Your wisdom, as well as the counsel of those who are wise.

2:7-8 Lord, prepare me to be victorious as I walk in Your ways, and surround me as a shield, protecting my mind from the influence of the

3:9 Lord, help me to honor You with all that 1 possess and give back to You a portion of all You give to me.

4:11-12 Lord, help me to walk on the path You have set before me, that my steps will not be hindered and I will not stumble

5:21 Lord, You see clearly the path before me when the way seems uncertain to me. Help me to trust You and choose what You lay before me.

6:23 Lord, Your laws light my path and Your word guides me. Teach me Your commands so 1 will walk in the way of life everlasting.

7:1-3 Lord, I hold tightly to Your words, allowing them to penetrate my heart, for they are life to me, and I ask that they would cause my heart to follow after Yours.

8:17 Lord, help me seek Your words and ways always, and value Your teachings far above earthly treasures.

9:9 Lord, give me the ability to always continue learning from You, and to share the wisdom You give me with others, in a way that they can receive it with understanding.

10:22 Lord, help me to see the blessings in all You do and all that happens in my life, that 1 may remember to thank You in all things.

The book of Proverbs is packed with wisdom about life and inti­macy with God. This practice of asking God to instill that wisdom into me each and every day has made a difference in my prayers and in my life with Him. It can make a difference in your life as well.

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