



THE WISDOM AND BLESSINGS OF GOD

Solomon's Prayer

1. "Solomon answered, 'You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day'" (1 Kings 3:6).

Open this prayer time by acknowledging what God has done *in someone else's life*. Whether it be a parent, sibling, friend, pastor, teacher, or a character in the Bible, acknowledge that God has been faithful to them. Pray and thank God for being faithful and committed to this person or people.

Write your prayer of acknowledgment: _____

2. "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties'" (1 Kings 3:7).

Next, move into a time of honest prayer. Acknowledge your limitations, insecurities, weaknesses, and your need for God. This is the time to be completely honest with God. Pray in your heart and be completely honest, like Solomon. Show where you are lacking and where you need God to fill you up.

Write your honest prayer: _____

3. "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'" (1 Kings 3:9)?

Next, ask God for a discerning heart and mind. Ask God for wisdom. Ask God for the discernment to distinguish good from evil. Pray that God would give you these things for the sake of God's people so that God's people can be blessed by your giftings. Humbly ask God for his help.

Write your prayer for wisdom: _____

4. "The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this" (1 Kings 3:10).
Write your full name in the blank below:

The Lord was pleased that _____ had asked for this.

Read these verses again with yourself in mind. Read them as if God is saying this directly to you.

"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, 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, nor will there ever be."

Reflect on these words and trust that your heavenly Father is granting you his heart and mind.

Wait for your leader to let you know when this prayer time is over.