

“So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.”
Colossians 1:9 NLT

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A borrowed prayer from Paul. I don't mind praying a great prayer that someone else has penned. This one is so rich, so perfect to pray for one another. To ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will! I really want to know what God is up to, especially when things are all wonky like they are now. The one thing we all share in this pandemic-Covid19 season is a whole lot of questions, uncertainty about our future and how it will affect our lives and our loved ones lives. This time it is the WHOLE world. Don't you want to know what God is doing? This prayer addresses that - so I pray it over you, the reader. “May God give you complete knowledge of his will!” Then Paul continues, “to GIVE (because God is generous) you spiritual wisdom and understanding.” I believe that wisdom is EXPERIENCED knowledge! Wisdom is LIVED to be learned. Wisdom is insight, guidance, even advise for yourself and others. Once you've experienced something it is more than just knowledge, like a fact, more than just a quotable, quip. It is embedded in your soul, it's something you feel and re-experience as you reflect on it. Let's put it this way, you can't GOOGLE wisdom! And finally, understanding. How does all this knowing of what God is up to FIT into the relationships around us. How does it call us to action or allow us to be sensitive to those around us. God's understanding gives us PERSPECTIVE. Don't you want to see God's point of view on so many of the issues we struggle with? God will give us his perspective, his viewpoint. Wow! What a prayer!!

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

I pray this for myself, “please give me complete knowledge of your will that I have your spiritual wisdom and understanding today, Amen.” I pray this for my family today. I pray this for my friends and co-laborers in Christ. I pray this for those who read these words. “Grant it oh Lord, 🙏”

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root