



“Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show his works by a good life in the humility that comes from wisdom.” (James 3:13)

The following prayer is from Fr. Bielecki’s Homily – July 24, 2022

God’s mysterious and paradoxical wisdom is best summed up in the following prayer:

I asked God for strength that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do great things,
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of others,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered,
I am among all, most richly blessed.

Let us ask for the gift of God’s Holy Spirit that enables us to recognize the wisdom of God’s answers to our every prayer, and let us be persistent in prayer, never giving up.

