

## ***“Teach us to number our days” (Psalm 90:12)***

The feast of our Savior's birth has passed. What happens after the angels return to heaven, the shepherds return to their flock, the magi return to the sunrise? Mary and Joseph remain for the rest of their lives in the presence of the Lord, they will become witnesses of Christ, they will see every day how the baby grows, but they will also grow in the knowledge of our Lord. Their life becomes a life lived in total dependence of Christ and God's will. How is our life compared to theirs?

Moses prayer in Psalm 90 is probably made during the 40 years of wandering through the desert, the oldest psalm. His prayer is a reflection on life, on how short and unpredictable human life is. “Teach us to count our days well, so that we may gain a wise heart” (v.12). We are asking to count days, not years. We are ask to live this day, and every day, like is the last of our days, a day lived totally for God.

The year 2025 is ahead of us with all its unknowns, for us they are unknown, but not for God. The almighty Lord is in control of every day and every detail. We pray that the Lord will help us to start the year with Him. We will have 21 days of fasting and prayer (from January 05 to 28), we will ask for His protection and guidance for every day of the new year. We will ask for His guidance and blessing in the promotion of young workers at Bethel Church, we will thank the Lord for His faithfulness in the first 30 years of our Bethel Family.

The theme of the 2025 year will be “Spiritual Growth and Maturity” - applied to our biblical Pentecostal identity, to our daily life, the fruit of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit and especially how to walk under the guidance of the Holy Spirit every day, in total dependence on the Lord”. (Romans 8:14) We pray like Moses: “strengthen the work of our hands, yes, strengthen the work of our hands” ! (v. 17b).

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