

Praying Through Hebrews 12:1-13

Heavenly Father, not only are some watching me on earth who may learn from my example, good or bad, but a multitude are watching me from heaven; therefore, help me throw off all sin and anything else that would hinder Your purposes for me. Whenever I face opposition to doing Your will, either from within myself or from without, help me to persevere in faith and obedience to accomplish Your plans no matter what the cost.

Lord Jesus, thank You for running the race ahead of me and preparing the way for me to follow: help me keep my eyes, ears, and thoughts focused on You and where You would lead me. Perfect my faith. Fill me with joy whenever I suffer to further Your kingdom on earth, knowing that You suffered for me and find everlasting joy seated at our Father's right hand. Thank You for going ahead of me and being the Way and the Truth that will lead me to Life forever in heaven and on the earth after You return.

Holy Spirit, grant me the strength to keep on when I grow weary. Before I lose heart, fill me once again with Your loving and powerful presence. Remind me of the truths I have learned from my study of the Scriptures, and interpret the Bible for me to help me faithfully follow Jesus and lead the way for others to find and serve Him too. Whenever I suffer, help me learn any lessons that I need to learn, and help me correct any wrong behavior immediately. Whenever You discipline me, help me see what and why I have done wrong, and help me correct my errors and avoid failing You again in the future. Please give me the guidance and strength to refrain from the practice of any sins, so I can walk in righteousness and peace with You before the watching world.

Dear God, I know You love me, that I am Your child, and that You discipline me for my own good and the good of others I may influence. Thank You for all the lovingkindness You show me day-by-day in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about "Praying Through the Bible" from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *International Bible Lessons* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own "Prayer Through the Bible" using the *International Bible Lesson* scripture text and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [How God Teaches Us to Pray](#): Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer, Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.