

Praying Through Psalms 33:1-9
International Bible Lesson
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O Lord, Your presence, Your Word, Your creation, and all Your works bring joy to our hearts and inspire new songs of praise and worship. You always do what is righteous, fitting, and upright. As Your faithful children, we pray that Your Word and Spirit will help us think and do whatever is righteous, fitting, and upright too. Help us glorify You whether singing old hymns or new songs.

O Lord, help us rightly praise You in the assembly of Your people and give us holiness of heart as we worship You. Help us honor Your Word as right and true by our loving and faithful obedience. O Lord, You are faithful in all You do: help us be faithful to You and all Your people.

O Lord, You love righteousness and justice and Your love never fails. Please bring righteousness and justice into our world as Your perfect will is done by You and Your people as You rule over and over rule those who love You and those who act unrighteously and unjustly. In spite of all the wrong we see and experience, help us to always trust in You and never fail to honor and praise You for Your unfailing love and care for us. Help us trust in You each moment of every day, even in those times when we may think You are far from us.

Lord God, You made the heavens and the earth by Your Word and Spirit, and we thank You for explaining Your character and nature to us in the Bible and supremely through Your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Even as You rule over the heavens and the earth, and over all nations, leaders, and people, inspire all people everywhere to fear You and revere Your Holy Name. In Jesus' Name we pray. 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.