

Praying Through Psalms 96:1-13

International Bible Lesson

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Dear God, fill us once again with Your loving Holy Spirit and inspire us to sing new songs of praise to honor You. May our songs of rejoicing fill the earth and lead all people everywhere to sing the praises of Your glory. As we praise Your Name and proclaim Your saving grace that is manifested through Jesus Christ day by day, may many come to saving faith in Him.

Heavenly Father, open our eyes and the eyes of the multitudes so everyone on earth will see Your marvelous deeds throughout history and among all people. Help us declare Your glory among all the nations so many will turn to You with faith, love, and rejoicing. Indeed, LORD, You are worthy of all praise and glory because Your lovingkindness motivates Your every decision and Your every deed is perfect. May many see Your splendor, the beauty of Your holiness, Your majesty, strength, and glory. Then, may they turn from the false gods and idols they worship in nations around the world to You, the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Dear God, as we bring our offerings to You, may they be used to bring glory to Your Name throughout the earth. May our gifts help believers in every nation declare Your glory and worship You in holiness and truth, because You indeed are Most Holy. May all the nations and every person bow down before You and proclaim the fact that “The LORD reigns”! Come quickly, Lord Jesus, and judge the world in righteousness and the people in faithfulness for Your Name’s 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.