

# Praying Through Judges 11:4-11 & 29-31

## International Bible Lesson

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Dear Father, thank You watching over us each day. We have many spiritual enemies fighting against us, if not also physical enemies. Without Your help, we are powerless to fight against many of these and defeat them. Please give us the strength to overcome them or send us to others or others to us who will help us and free us from their oppression. We thank You for Jesus Christ who by grace through faith in Him has freed us from slavery to sin and death. Help us spread the good news of what Jesus Christ offers to repentant sinners so many may come to Him in faith and find salvation.

O Lord, we would have You as our Commander and King. Lead us and help us obey You in all things. Send us leaders who will lead in accordance with Your revealed will in the Bible in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. If not, may You take charge and determine their decisions in behalf of all Your children.

Lord Jesus, You know what it means to be despised and rejected by others, and there have been times when we have felt despised and rejected too. Please help us remember that You have not rejected us, and despite what others may say and do You can use us to accomplish Your purposes. We humbly bow before You and plead for Your divine power to do all that You would have us do on earth. When others come to us for help, please give us wisdom and guide us so we can discern Your will and not be deceived or misled by anyone. If others come to help us, please give us wisdom, discernment, and knowledge from the Bible to know whether they offer true help, help that comes from You and not our enemies. Help us do only what You say, and only what is consistent with Your revealed Word, the Bible as Your Holy Spirit leads us. Restrain us from making foolish vows and empty promises, and if we sin lead us to repent immediately so our actions and decisions do not go from bad to worse. Help us be good examples of those who follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. 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 time in 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.