

**Praying Through Romans 12:9-21**  
**International Bible Lesson**  
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Heavenly Father, please fill me with Your loving Holy Spirit so I can love others with the love of Jesus. Please help me love others in thought, word, and deed. As I read the Bible, please help me see the breadth and depth of Your love for all Your children around the world, and please help me share the truth about Your love when I talk about You and try to serve others in Your Name. I pray for that sincere and genuine love for others that can only come from Your saving presence in my life. As I see how destructive evil can be in the world and in my own life when I succumb to temptations, help me truly hate evil and cling to what is good; especially, help me cling to Jesus as my Lord and Savior, so I will walk in His ways.

O God, thank You for giving me principles that I can remember and live by; such as, “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” Without the many truths revealed to me in the Bible, I would not know how to act when I am persecuted for living the Christian life; I would curse them instead of bless them; I would repay evil for evil. I would not feed my enemies if they were hungry or give them a drink if they were thirsty, but I would plan how to hurt them back. Help me to be more sensitive to the needs of others, so I will mourn with those who mourn, and please help me remember truths from Your Word that I can wisely share and Your Spirit will anoint to lift up and encourage those suffering. In everything, help me trust in

You and in Your plans for my life and our world, for You are our only hope now and forever. In Jesus' Name and for His glory, I 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.