

Psalms 48:1-14

International Bible Lesson Prayer

O LORD, we praise You with our whole hearts knowing that You have always been faithful to Your people, to all those called by Your name and to all who call upon You. We thank You for Your faithfulness to the Hebrew people, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that You led forth from slavery in Egypt by the hand of Your servant Moses. Father, we thank You and hope to glorify You Name when we remember that You led Your people by the hand of Joshua into the land You promised to give to Abraham and his descendants. Today especially, as we study the Bible, we thank You for leading Your people, the Israelites, to build a beautiful city, high in elevation, on Mount Zion, Your holy mountain, by the hand of King David, a man after Your own heart. Each day, please help us be and remain a people after Your own heart, and please help us overcome all temptations to sin; and if we do sin, please lead us back to repentance and to faithfully following You once again. As we trust in Jesus Christ, Your one and only begotten Son, a descendant of the house of David as You promised, lead us in the way that we should go each day that we might glorify You always.

Lord Jesus, please help us trust totally in You as our Great King and Savior. Please help us look upon the many blessings You have bestowed upon us and remember that they came from Your Hand, from Your steadfast love and faithfulness toward us. Please guide us daily and help us look to You so we will live according to the Light You give us and the Truth of Who You are and will be forever and ever. In Your 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.