

Hebrews 9:11-22

International Bible Lesson Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for saving me from my sins, from my slavery to sin, and from the eternal consequences of my sins that I deserve and would suffer apart from Your grace and the faith in You that You have given me. Thank You for the work You have done and continue to do as my High Priest, seated at the right hand of God our Father in heaven. You have made my eternal redemption possible through the blood You shed sacrificially on the cross, though what You did that day and what You did when You went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle with Your own blood is beyond my comprehension. Thankfully, I do know that I am saved by grace through faith in You, and You do not require Your followers to totally understand all You have done and will do for the children of God in order to be saved. As my High Priest in heaven, please continue to pray for me and help me better understand the Bible so I can grow in knowledge and grace and better serve You and others—help me strengthen the faith of some and lead some to saving faith in You.

Lord Jesus, I do not understand the mystery of how Your shed blood and the eternal Spirit who indwells me cleanse my conscience, but please keep my conscience in good working order. Please help me avoid making my praise and worship of You nothing more than dead works that hope to gain Your favor and earthly rewards but lead to death. Rather, please fill me with Your Spirit of lovingkindness so I can love You more and more and praise You and worship You because I love You. Indeed, You deserve the love, praise, and worship of all creation. In Your Name 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.