

Praying Through Isaiah 11:1-9

Heavenly Father, thank You for showing us how to recognize the Messiah and some of the changes we can expect Him to make in our world as You foretold through the prophet Isaiah. Thank You for protecting many of the descendants of King David, so one of them would become the Messiah that You promised to send.

Thank You for the fruit that Jesus the Messiah bore when He walked on the earth and for all of the fruit His followers have borne by the Holy Spirit He sent, the Holy One who indwells those who believe in You.

Thank You, Father, that we can go to Jesus with faith and confidence in every situation, because we know the Holy Spirit rested on Him and He showed wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and respect for You, His Father.

Lord Jesus, we thank You for showing us that we can trust Your judgment in every situation; Your judgments will be righteous and faithfully meet the true needs of all of Your people.

Lord Jesus, because You promised to come again and make all things right someday, we pray that You will come quickly and according to our Father's perfect timing, so Your Kingdom may be on earth as it is in heaven. We look forward to the future when Your people will no longer suffer from the wicked. We pray for peace to return to the

earth, to a time when all people and animals once lived together in harmony, peace, happiness, and everlasting joy in Your presence.

Oh Father, fill the earth with the knowledge of You and Your ways. May Your people proclaim the truth about You so many will come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord. 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 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.