

## Praying Through Isaiah 25:6-10a

Lord God, thank You for Your promises in the Scriptures. Thank You for Your promises regarding the coming of Jesus the Messiah as our Savior. Your promises give us hope for the future. Thank You for sending Jesus the Messiah to die outside the city gates of Jerusalem and promising that by His sacrificial death He would destroy the shroud of death that hangs over all peoples and nations.

Lord God, all of Your people long for the return of Jesus the Messiah to earth, to Mount Zion, to the holy city of Jerusalem, to the mountain You set apart for Your power to visibly rest and rule over the world. We look forward to the visible worldwide rule of King Jesus and to the final defeat of death so we can enjoy forever the best food, drink, and fellowship that can only be fully enjoyed with You and among Your people.

Lord God, we thank You for taking notice of us personally, for understanding our heartaches and pains, for personally wiping away our tears and treating our wounded spirits, for removing our disgrace and our sins, for giving us peace and comfort, and for being the reason we can rejoice each day no matter what our circumstances.

Lord God, we trust in You and entrust our lives to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the One You provided for our salvation. No matter what difficulties we may face today, help us rejoice and be glad in His saving presence. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray in Jesus' name. 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.