

Praying Through Isaiah 40:21-31

Heavenly Father, by Your grace and through Your Word as Your Holy Spirit enlightens us, we know that You sit enthroned above the earth and rule over all creation. Though we may appear to You as no larger than grasshoppers, You have given us the heavens and the earth that show us who You are and provide a beautiful home for us to live and learn more about You and sing praises to Your name.

Most Holy and Almighty God, we pray for those who mistreat Your people and refuse to turn to You in obedient faith, and we thank You that as our just and merciful God You can reduce them to nothing when You are ready. Perhaps when they are brought down from their places of privilege they will turn toward You and find You as they begin to seek You with all their heart. When leaders mislead and abuse Your people, help us find assurance in Your Word, for You can easily blow them away to fulfill Your plans and save Your people.

Lord God, there is no god and no one like You. Teach us more about You as we look into the distant heavens and into the spiritual depths of Your written Word.

O Father, when we feel abandoned or alone, remind us from Your Word, as Your Holy Spirit indwells and leads us, that You have not forgotten or forsaken us.

Lord God, as our all-powerful Creator, You have the strength and might to raise us up to ever greater attainments according to Your plans. We look forward to the fulfillment of Your wise and wonderful purposes for us. In our weakness, we look forward to the time when we will “soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint.” Help us to live and serve others today for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.