

Praying Through Revelation 21:1-8

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your many and precious promises in the Bible. As we look at the beautiful creation all around us that has been spoiled for thousands of years, we praise You and honor Your Name because You have promised to make a new heaven and a new earth that will never be spoiled again. Thank You for promising that nothing evil will ever separate us again from You and Your presence in our midst.

Lord God, we know that the Church today is not all that You want us to be. Help us do all we can to substantially move the Church toward purity and doing Your perfect will. Thank You for the promise that someday the Church will be prepared as “a bride beautifully dressed for her husband,” for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Thank You God for being our God with us. Thank You for promising to take away all our sorrows someday. Thank You for the new birth we enjoy through faith in Jesus Christ and for promising to make everything new around us. Lord God, thank You for speaking words to us in the Bible that are trustworthy and true; grant us the guidance of the Holy Spirit to bring us to a right understanding of the Scriptures. We look forward with eager anticipation to the time in eternity when we and all those around us will share in the new spiritual life that is our inheritance in a new heaven and new earth where we will no longer be

afraid or offended by evil, for evil will no longer be in our midst, but only You, all of Your children, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose 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.