

Praying Through Revelation 21:9-14 & 22-27

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the encouragement You give us by telling us that You will bring justice, mercy, and peace upon the earth in the future. Thank You for showing us that Your people, the Church, are the bride, the wife of the Lamb Who died to save us and rose again to make a place for us on a new earth. Thank You for so purifying us from the sins that have defaced and defiled us that we will someday shine morally and spiritually as brightly as a precious jewel that is clear as crystal.

Oh God, help us stand firmly upon Your Word, both the Old and New Testaments. Give us the right understanding of You and Your Word as we prayerfully study Your precious promises to Your people. Thank You for being present before us, around us, and within us. We look forward to the time when we can experience Your presence at all times and forever. In You alone do we find hope for the future. Thank You for being a light unto our feet so that we can walk in the way You would have us to go and also see clearly before us and around us.

Lord Jesus, come quickly with Your Church now in heaven, with those who have gone before us. Establish Your reign and heavenly kingdom on earth so all the kings on earth among Your people can bring their splendor to You, and so all the nations on earth can give You the honor You deserve in a world where nothing impure, shameful,

or deceitful will ever happen again. Lord Jesus, encourage all whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life to keep trusting in You and Your words in spite of unceasing toil, hardships, and persecutions. In Your 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.