

Praying Through Revelation 22:11-21

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the blessed opportunity to turn to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior at Your invitation and at the welcoming message of Your Spirit and the Church. Lord God, may more and more people turn from sin and vile behavior to Jesus Christ for cleansing from sin and to become holy people. We praise You that the holiness of Your people will continue throughout eternity.

Lord Jesus, we look forward to Your coming soon! Lead us by Your Word of Truth and Spirit as we do what You will for us and receive the reward that You have promised. Thank You for dying in our behalf so we can be cleansed from all unrighteousness, have the right to eat of the tree of life, and enter the Holy City to be in Your holy presence forever. Thank You for protecting us from all evil so we can experience only holy delights in Your kingdom throughout eternity.

Oh God, as we read, study, and teach Your Word, protect us from errors of understanding and teaching. Oh Lord, we do not want to add to or take away from the Truth that is Your Word, the Holy Scriptures, so protect us and others from error and falsehood. Do not let the evil one deceive us. Guide us as we teach. If we make errors, correct them and show us and others the right understanding of the Way, the Truth, and the Life in spite of our human limitations. Come quickly Lord Jesus! May your grace protect us, comfort us, and guide us. May Your Spirit fill us so we will always be prepared to see You face-to-face, celebrate Your coming, and rejoice in Your saving grace and glory in Your presence forever. May we live now and forevermore for Your Name's sake and glory. 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.