

Praying Through Galatians 3:26-4:7

International Bible Lesson

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Heavenly Father, thank You for calling me into Your holy family by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Thank You for the blessed opportunity to clothe myself in Christ Jesus through baptism into Him. Help me to show forth to others His character, His values, His spirituality, and His way of obeying His Father and treating others.

Lord God, I praise You today and declare Your glory and faithfulness before the world that needs a Savior, because through faith in Jesus Christ You have brought people from different nations and races together, and You have made them one people. You have brought people of different backgrounds together so no one should think of themselves as better than another.

Lord Jesus, thank You for claiming me for yourself so I belong to You and am now a child of Abraham as well as a child of God. All God's promises to those who trust in You belong to me. Thank You for teaching me the Law of God, the Law of Love, so I would know how You designed me to live in the world You created. Thank You for freeing me from slavery to sin and the demonic powers that inhabit our world and have hindered me from doing Your will.

O Father, I glorify Your Name because You sent Your only Son into the world as a little baby, fully human as born of a woman and fully God, to live according to Your Law and demonstrate by His life how we should love God and one another. Thank You for making me one of Your children and a brother of Jesus Christ by adoption into Your family so I can inherit all you have set aside for me. Your Spirit lives in my heart, and I call upon You, "Abba, Father": and 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.