

**Praying Through Galatians 5:1-17**  
**International Bible Lesson**  
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Lord Jesus, thank You for freeing me from the yoke of slavery. You are of infinite value to the whole world and to me. Lord, help me love as You have loved me. Keep me safe in Your arms of love that I might not be confused and fall away from You and Your gracious forgiveness and acceptance.

Lord Jesus, thank You for filling me with Your Holy Spirit. Through Your Spirit I eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which I hope to live by in this life and perfectly receive when I see You face-to-face. Help me express my faith in You by loving deeds and words, by humbly serving others according to Your will. Help me be increasingly aware of Your guidance and presence with me in the world, so I am never confused or misled by false teachings, but instead immerse myself increasingly in the Holy Scriptures so I will always know and obey the truth. As I share the good news of Jesus Christ with others, guide my thoughts and words so I do not confuse others or myself, but manifest Your love and truth. Grant me courage so I will always teach the truth in spite of opposition or persecution from evil powers or those with depraved minds. Lead me by the Holy Spirit and draw me into a closer relationship with You each day so I will not indulge the flesh but truly love others as You have loved me. Help me remember to seek to know and do Your will rather than fall into the trap of doing whatever I want.

Lord God, I praise You this day and every day for the opportunity to serve You and Your people in the Name of Jesus Christ. 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.