

**Praying Through John 10:1-15**  
**International Bible Lesson**  
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Heavenly Father, we praise Your Name and glorify You for inviting us into Your heavenly family and making the way possible for us to enter through the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You for being like the gatekeeper who will only let the true shepherd and his sheep enter the sheepfold, so the sheep are well cared for and protected. Help us hear, listen to, and obey the voice of the Good Shepherd, so we will follow Him according to the Scriptures and not be misled by religious thieves or robbers.

Lord Jesus, please protect us night and day and send us the shepherds we need, those who hear Your voice and teach us rightly the Word of God, so we will recognize Your voice and not be misled by a stranger's voice, but immediately recognize when someone or some ideas are not from You. Thank You for being our gate to eternal life, so we could come to You and through You be saved and enjoy life to the full. Thank You for laying down Your life and taking it up again so we could be mercifully and justly forgiven for our sins and inherit eternal life.

Lord Jesus, we face many dangers and temptations in this world. Spiritual wolves would scatter us away from You and those who love You too. Some would seek to mislead and destroy us morally, spiritually, and physically where possible. Please continue to protect us in every way You

wisely can so we can enjoy Your saving presence forever, and help us know You and our Heavenly Father more fully each day as we pray and study the Bible. 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.