

Praying Through John 3:1-16
International Bible Lesson
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Dear God, thank You for showing through Jesus that You are willing to receive the prayers and questions of everyone. Through Jesus, you worked signs that proved He was the Teacher come from You and You were with Him. Through Nicodemus, Jesus showed us that He can tell us everything we need to know regarding heavenly truths, but many truths we will not understand because of our human, earthly, limitations. Help us believe and obey the Bible as Your Word from heaven to us even when we do not understand as much as we would like to know. We know that at the appropriate time You will make known to us all we need to understand. As we study the Bible, help us increase our knowledge of the truth so we will be ready and able to learn the deeper truths in the Scriptures that You want to reveal to us.

Lord Jesus, thank You for telling us what we need to do to see and enter the kingdom of God. Indeed, we want to tell others what You have commissioned us to teach and what Your disciples spread to both Jews and Gentiles. We pray that Your Holy Spirit would guide our prayers and use the words of truth from the Scriptures that we share, so many would come to saving faith in You, repent of their sins, and in obedience to You be baptized. We do not know how the Holy Spirit works, but we know that through the Holy Spirit believers are born again, live a new life in You, and bear much fruit when they learn the truth about You.

Lord Jesus, when You came into the world, many refused to believe Your testimony brought to us from heaven. As we share the good news about You with others; the good news that God loves the world and wants to give eternal life to all who will believe in You, help us pray and leave their response of faith and obedience with You, that You may be glorified and many come to salvation. 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.