

Praying Through Romans 5:6-11 & 8:31-39
International Bible Lesson
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Lord God, too often we have acted in ungodly and sinful ways, and we have made ourselves powerless to change or make ourselves right with You. But at the right time, almost 2000 years ago, You sent Jesus Christ to shed His blood and die so You could justly and mercifully make us right with You and save us from the eternal consequences of our sins. Thank You for demonstrating Your love for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank You for saving us now and forever by grace through faith in Him. Oh God, we acted as Your enemies; we are sorrowful for all we have done against You. Thank You for bringing us into a right relationship with You through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord God, through Jesus Christ, You have demonstrated to us that You are for us and not against us. No one can be against You and those You love and succeed in separating those You love from You. You gave us Your Son and You will give us all that we need, because Your Son is Your greatest gift to us – for through Him we have this life and eternal life with You.

Lord God, thank You for all You have done and do for us in Jesus Christ. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose again for us. Jesus is now at Your right hand, exercising Your power for us. Jesus is even now praying for us – for our protection and the power to love and glorify You by our words and

works. Though others may consider us of no value, as nothing more than sheep to be slaughtered, You love us and eternally protect us so nothing can separate us from You and Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. In whose 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.