

Praying Through Exodus 3:1-12
International Bible Lesson
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Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for preparing Moses in Pharaoh's court so he would not be a stranger to Egyptian government and ways, and so You could later call him to free Your people from slavery in Egypt. Indeed, You also arranged for Moses to learn more about You from his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, whose possible knowledge of You could be traced back to Abraham. Your concern for the suffering of Your people Israel extended far back in time before You appeared to Moses in the burning bush. We also thank You for all the preparations You made in the past so we could come to believe in You and trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior; then, we could be freed from slavery to sin and the devil and fear of death and be empowered to serve You.

Lord God, You may not speak to us as You spoke to Moses. But You have spoken to us truly in Bible, and the words You spoke to Moses and the success You gave to him in later worshipping You on Mount Horeb as You promised gives us confidence in You and Your Word. Indeed, the Holy Scriptures are sufficient for us to know You and the Way of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Help us remember that as we read the Bible You are speaking to us and we are on holy ground. As You are the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and as You are the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, so You are our Father, and for this unearned blessing we give all praise and thanksgiving to You.

Lord God, we know we are not worthy to serve You, and yet You have called us to serve You and meet the needs of others. You have called us to do all that Jesus has commanded us as His disciples. Help us have confidence in You and Your Word to us in the Bible so we can step out in faith as Moses did and fulfill Your purposes for us. Use us to free Your people from slavery. As Moses worshipped You on Mount Sinai, help us to worship You in Spirit and in Truth wherever we go. In Jesus' 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.