

Praying Through Isaiah 6:1-8
International Bible Lesson
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O LORD God, as the Bible teaches, You are high and exalted; You are the King above all kings. Other kings and rulers will pass away, but You are the eternal King and Lord over all creation. You are more than an eternal King, for You are holy, and all You do and all You command comes from Your holy heart of love; therefore, all You say and do is good, right, and true. We can completely trust You, and You will never command or lead us to do wrong.

O LORD God, all praise and honor goes to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Who died and rose again and ascended into heaven, where He now reigns eternally at the righthand of God our Father. Indeed, O God, we can proclaim the glorious truth about You, as You have commanded us to do, as You have revealed true truth about Your character and nature in the Bible, but we confess that we cannot completely reveal Your glory, because the whole earth and the highest heavens are full of Your glory. We cannot completely understand how or why our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, died an atoning and sacrificial death for us on the cross, but we humbly bow before You and give You thanks for Your lovingkindness that made our forgiveness and cleansing from sin possible. O God, we love You, and we thank You for first loving us and filling us with Your love so we could love You. Grant us the ability to love You as we hope to love You!

Today, we pray that Your Holy Spirit would give us a more loving and willing heart, so when You ask, “Whom shall I send?” we might respond as Isaiah responded centuries ago, “Here am I. Send me!” O God, give us the love, the courage, the faith, the strength, and the wisdom to go and do, proclaim and teach, all that You would desire us to do and say. 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.