

# Praying Through Jeremiah 1:4-10

## International Bible Lesson

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Dear Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You that Your Word has come to us in the Bible and in human flesh in Jesus Christ, Your only begotten Son. We do not need to wait for an angel visitation to learn about You and Your saving grace and Your ultimate will for our lives. Father, we thank You for the Holy Spirit who helps us understand and do Your Word. We thank You for preachers, teachers, and churches that faithfully seek to help us read, learn, and rightly apply Your words of truth in our daily lives.

Father, we praise Your Name for fearfully and wonderfully making us in Your image in the womb, so each of us is precious and every child is precious in Your sight. You have not called us to all be the same. Each of Your prophets and apostles in the Bible were different, but You have called us to seek You, desire Your will, and achieve Your goals for us. We pray that You will give us the wisdom and strength, the courage and words, to fulfill all Your purposes for us. Help us not to make excuses for not serving You, and help us know with ever increasing certainty the specific calling You have for us; we pledge to say and do whatever You command. Give us all the resources we need to serve You more perfectly each day. Help us always to go to the Bible as our divine authority for life and eternity, and help us to never be misled into thinking that we can be obeying You while disobeying the Bible's teachings. As we look at our world today with its misery and injustices, help us remember that You are Lord over all and Your justice and mercy will ultimately prevail even as we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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.