

**Praying Through Acts 9:10-20**  
**International Bible Lesson**  
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Lord Jesus, we thank You for speaking to the apostles and the prophets in the New Testament through visions that enabled them to know Your will, do Your will, and proclaim the good news and truth about You. We thank You for the Holy Scriptures that reveal Your love, Your Word, and Your mighty power. Draw us closer to You, even as we seek to draw closer to You through the study of Your Word, prayer, and obedience to Your commands. We thank You for using us as Your instruments to help others, even as You used Ananias to help Saul eventually become the Apostle Paul. We praise You, because You forgave Saul for his sins against Your Holy people, and Your willingness to forgive the chief of sinners encourages us to come to You in repentance and faith when we sin. As faithful Christians, we come to You as willing instruments in Your hand for You to guide and direct our words and actions, especially as we pray and teach others about saving faith through faith in You. Keep us filled with the Holy Spirit, so we are ever prepared and ready to bless others at any place and any time.

Lord Jesus, help us become men, women, and children of faith who will pray and do what they can to help others whatever their needs. We thank You for Christian doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers who seek to serve You through meeting the medical needs of others. We

thank You for Christian pastors, teachers, evangelists, and Christians everywhere who seek to serve You by telling others the truth about Your infinite love, unfailing grace, and willingness to forgive, so they will seek You with all their hearts and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and eternal life. Continue to bless Your words and the divinely inspired words of the Apostle Paul, so believers everywhere can know and do Your will, so many Christians everywhere will come to be known as “Your holy people” wherever they are. 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.