

Praying Through Daniel 3:19-28

International Bible Lesson

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Heavenly Father, we thank You for the Scriptures that give us such good and inspiring examples as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. We thank You for Your words of truth in the Bible that enable us to stand when we might otherwise fall. We praise You for the faith You inspired within Your servants in Nebuchadnezzar's court and for the complete obedience that their true faith moved them to act upon. We pray that You would give us a faith as firm as their faith and an obedient heart as steadfast as their heart. We pray that You would give us wisdom as we study Your Word so we would know Your will in every situation. We admire Your servants for standing firm in the face of a furious King Nebuchadnezzar who thought he held their life and fate in his hands. Please help us to firmly stand when we are faced with temptations large or small. Remind us from Your Word that by following Jesus Christ and His teachings that we will walk in Your ways.

Holy Father, we praise You for saving Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fiery furnace by sending one of Your angels or perhaps even the only Son of God himself to cast out their fears, comfort them, and save them from destruction. O Father, we know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. We are learning more of Your Holy Word as we pray, study, and act upon the truths we are learning. We trust in You God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We pray that You would give us the courage we need to face the future with all its uncertainties. We praise You that You hold our lives and our future in Your loving hands. Please meet our needs each day and show us how we can share to meet the needs of others. Help us live in such a way that, like King Nebuchadnezzar, by our words and actions some will praise Your Name and acknowledge that You are God Most High. Guide us so we can teach others Your Holy Word and by Your Spirit lead them to entrust their futures now and forever to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In His 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.