

Praying Through 2 Chronicles 7:11-22
International Bible Lesson
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Dear God, even as King Solomon dedicated a temple to You, so we dedicate ourselves to You. Even as the temple pointed people to You, so we dedicate ourselves to pointing people to You. We pray that You would indwell us and fill us with Your Holy Spirit that our bodies might be the temples of God as You intended. Help us make the sacrifices of time, talent, and treasure that You direct us to make for Your Name to be glorified.

O God, as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we bear His Name, "Christian." Help us live daily so we do not dishonor the Name we bear. Help us live in such a way as His faithful followers that others might be drawn to Jesus and give their lives to Him. If drought, disease, or pestilence brings affliction, inspire us to intercede for the needs of others, especially for those who need to humble themselves, pray, seek Your face, and turn from their wicked ways. If You find us involved in sinful behaviors, please get our attention and help us turn from these sins to Jesus for salvation that everything we say and do will bring glory to Your Name. We would be holy even as our Lord Jesus is holy, set apart and fully consecrated to serving You. May we never do anything that might lead others to ridicule Jesus and the wonders of saving faith in Him. We pray for our families and church, that no one would turn from You and embrace other gods or serve those that are

not gods but powers of darkness. 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.