

**Praying Through *Revelation 4:1-11***  
**International Bible Lesson**  
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Heavenly Father, fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we might praise You, glorify You, and love You as You deserve for You are worthy to be praised by all creation. We confess that we have not adored You, loved You, or served You as You deserve. Our thoughts of You are too small, for You are the infinite, perfect, holy, almighty God. As we read the Bible, pray, and sing songs of praise to You, please expand our understanding of You and through Your Holy Spirit help us worship You with hearts and minds attuned to Your glory, love, honor, and faithfulness according to the Bible.

Dear Father, thank You for giving us the sure Word of Truth, the Bible. We live in a world with many conflicting ideas and opinions that many say come from You or from the Bible. Help us distinguish truth from error so we will not be deceived. Please help us gain a better understanding of You and the Bible when errors and falsehoods confront us. Protect us from deceivers in every area of our lives and remind us to consult You before we make wrong decisions or adopt wrong ideas or practices.

Lord God, we pray with grateful hearts because You opened the door for John to enter heaven in the Spirit, and through his words You have given us a glimpse into the eternal realities of Your Kingdom in heaven. With Your grace and love filling our hearts, help us truly sing with those in heaven, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God

Almighty,' who was, and is, and is to come.” We know “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.” 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.