

Praying Through Exodus 35:20-29 & 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

International Bible Lesson

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Heavenly Father, we praise You and thank You for freeing Your people from slavery in Egypt and for graciously making certain that they were paid by the Egyptians for their 400 years of slave labor when they left the land. We praise You for revealing Yourself to them in a variety of ways and for speaking truly to them through Your servant and prophet Moses. We thank You for Your desire to communicate and fellowship with Your people, and by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ we too can have a meaningful and saving relationship with You forever.

Father God, You graciously dwelt with Your people in a tent of meeting, but only Moses or the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies within it in behalf of Your people. We praise You and honor You as our God and we thank You that because of the work of Jesus Christ upon the cross and His resurrection from the dead that we can be filled with Your Holy Spirit when we humbly receive Your only begotten Son as our Lord and Savior. You have made us, even our human bodies, Your Holy temple so we can dwell together forever. We humbly bow before You and ask what we can give of our time, talent, and treasure to do Your will and fulfill Your plans for others and us. Because we love You and appreciate all You have done and continue to do for us, we cheerfully give to You a portion of the time, talent, and treasure You have first given us. We seek to glorify Your Holy Name that others might come to know You truly and love and honor and bless Your Name as You deserve. 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.