

**Praying Through Leviticus 25:1-12**  
**International Bible Lesson**  
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O God, the LORD of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Who spoke to us through Moses and supremely through Your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we thank You for the Holy Scriptures that tell us the truth about You and serve as our guide for life. We also thank You for the gift of Sabbath rest, so we can worship You, study Your Word, fellowship with other believers, rest, and make ready to work another week. We thank You for the gift of work, and the ability to do many things to meet our needs and the needs of others. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, Who indwells us and comforts us and interprets the Scriptures for us, and Who also leads us in the ways we should serve others and best use our time of rest and work.

As we think about how the farmer plows, sows, and reaps a harvest depending on You throughout, please help us do all things with decency and in the proper order, also depending on You in everything. Please grant us wisdom beyond the natural gifts You have already given us, so we can use all Your gifts according to Your purposes and with Your blessing. Please help us find ways to work with others to meet human needs far beyond what we or they could do alone. Please help us forgive as You have forgiven us; forgiveness is our true desire even when we feel tempted to hold a grudge or repay evil for evil. Please give us the ways and words to proclaim liberty to the captives, so they can find true freedom in relationship with Jesus Christ, Who is

the true King of kings and Lord of the universe. Help us find ways to justly return the lands and property of those who have been robbed and unjustly dispossessed. 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.