

Praying Through Leviticus 2:14 & 23:9-22

International Bible Lesson

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LORD God, You are our God, and You have given us every good thing. Our life and health depend totally on You. Please give us the wisdom to use our lives and our health in the best ways possible for serving You and to benefit others and ourselves. Please restrain us from foolish thoughts and behaviors that could ruin our witness and tarnish our ability to express our love for You fully in service to others. We seek to honor You when we proclaim our total dependence on You and Your gifts of health, happiness, and the ability to tell others the good news of Your love and glory.

Lord, we do want to use our many gifts of time, talent, and treasure to further Your plans. Please show us what to give and how much to give from all You have given us so more and more people can learn about You as You have revealed Yourself in the Bible. Even as You offered Your very best to save us from our sins and mercifully forgive us for all our trespasses, help us remember to give of our best to You in service and worship. We thank You for loving us and saving us when we were still living as strangers to You and perhaps unknowingly living in rebellion and violating the laws You have given us for our good always. Please help us find ways to help the poor and meet their real needs, even as You have met all our real needs. Please help us reach out to the strangers in our midst so we can all be

Your friends and find peace and joy in Your presence forever. 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.