

Praying Through Genesis 6:9-22

International Bible Lesson

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Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for giving us such wonderful examples in the Bible's list of the heroes of the faith; heroes such as Noah. Please help us live by faith as he did in the world in which we live, a world that is so much like the times in which he lived. We thank You, Father, for sending Jesus Christ into the world to save us from our sins, empower us to live for Your glory, and grant us eternal life. Lord Jesus, all that we can do and say cannot adequately express our love for You, so please help us obey all that You command us in the Bible as an expression of our love and thankfulness. Please fill us more and more with Your love, because You first loved us and You are love. Please help us truly live by faith in You as Noah did, the one who did all that God commanded him and saved himself and his family. Please help us so live that it could be said of us that by Your grace and through the faith You have given us we did all that You commanded us daily. Please help us live in such a way that it could be said of us that we were righteous, blameless, and walked with God in the power of the Holy Spirit as faithful Christians.

O God, we live in a world that so much resembles the days of Noah that we need Your overpowering grace to help us remain faithful witnesses for Jesus Christ — that many might come to saving faith in Jesus. It seems that a society of decency and order and righteousness is a thing of the past as many in places of leadership continue to promote a rapid decline in civilization. So, Lord, help us to remain faithful examples of the right way to live in a world gone mad. 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.