

Praying Through Genesis 28:10-22
International Bible Lesson
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Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for continuing to graciously work through Jacob as You promised despite his greed for gain and deception when he stole Esau's blessing. Father, You did not condemn Him and cast him aside, but You chose to forgive him, teach him to sin no more, and work through him. Father, through our study of Your Word, please increase our faith in You and in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As You continued to work through Jacob, we pray that You will continue to work through us, for we confess that we have sinned many times and we often fall short of glorifying You as You deserve. When we sin, please forgive us and help us turn from all our sins; then, we hope and pray that You can more easily use us as willing servants to share our faith in Jesus Christ and Your Word with others — to truly bless others as You bless all peoples according to Your promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Lord Jesus, we may not see angels with our eyes, but we may have entertained angels unawares. We know from Your Word that You often send angels to help us, our families, and our church homes. By Your Spirit, please help us be ever more thankful to You for the many promises and blessings that we have received, both seen and unseen, from Your Hand. Lord, You are an awesome God, and our experiences with You and our words cannot fully describe or explain to others who You are, what You do, and what You have promised; so, please help us learn more from Your Word so we can more easily point people

to the truths in the Bible that they can learn directly from You. As followers of Jesus Christ, please help us be true houses of God that You indwell. 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.