

Romans 11:11-24
International Bible Lesson Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for taking whatever is evil and working it out for good to bless Your children. Indeed, it was evil and wrong to reject Jesus, Your Son, as Messiah and Savior when He came. But we praise You, Father, for working through His rejection by some of the Jews to open the door for the Gentiles to come to faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We praise You for doing this in such a way that many of those who had rejected Jesus were later drawn to Jesus, repented of their sins, and received Jesus as their Messiah and Savior. Please help us rightly recognize and appreciate the spiritual riches that we enjoy from following Jesus Christ in faith daily. Please help us fulfill our part in Your plan to reconcile the world to You through Jesus. Please help us fulfill Your purpose for Your people, so we might love as You love and live pure lives as people set apart for Your holy use in leading many to salvation and holy living. As we read and study the Bible, please help us learn more about our roots as Your children, adopted into Your family. Heavenly Father, we long to be better prepared to share with believers and unbelievers the spiritual nourishment and truths that we receive from our study of Your Word. As we offer songs of praise to You for all the wonderful gifts that we enjoy each day, please help us remain humble so we do not become arrogant and proud toward those who have chosen to remain outside Your family. Instead, help us continue to love others as You would have us do, and direct our prayers in their behalf so they may not choose to continue in unbelief but give their lives totally to You. 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.

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