

## **Romans 8:1-14**

### **International Bible Lesson Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us a sincere faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, for we do not deserve all that You have done for us through Your Son. We cannot express our gratitude enough no matter how much we praise and thank You for the fact that in Christ Jesus we are no longer under condemnation. Indeed, You have filled us with the Holy Spirit so we can enjoy many blessings; including life and peace with You and within ourselves. In Christ Jesus, we are freed from the law of sin and death. You have forgiven us for our sins, cleansed us from our sins, broken down the barrier that separated You from us, and have given us everlasting life. We thank You for giving us the power and wisdom to walk according to the Spirit as the Bible teaches us—so we can fulfill the righteous requirement of the law of God by loving God, others, and ourselves rightly according to Your will. Please help us keep our minds set on the things of the Spirit so we can live and walk according to the Spirit and have the guidance and power we need to avoid setting our minds on the flesh—on following our emotions and desires in ways contrary to reason and the Bible’s teachings. As we walk in the Spirit, please teach us how we can help those whose minds are set on the flesh, who are hostile to God, who cannot and will not submit to God’s law, who cannot please God, who do not know that if they would set their minds on the Spirit that they could enjoy life and peace with You through faith in Jesus Christ. We thank You, Father, for adopting us into Your family as Your children and for leading us by Your Spirit in the ways that we should go. 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.