

Genesis 19:1-5 & 15-29
International Bible Lesson Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, You are a great, good, and gracious God, and You are our God. For the sake of a few righteous people and the wicked, you do not destroy the wicked if possible, for You do not desire that any should perish. Please help us remain in a loving, saving, close, personal, and obedient relationship with You and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please give us the discernment and wisdom to serve You faithfully and make a real difference in the lives and futures of others, including our own families and friends by what we pray, say, and do. Please fill us with Your Holy Spirit so we can understand the Bible as we read and learn what examples to avoid and what examples to follow. Please help us see and understand how gracious, merciful, forgiving, loving, and just You are toward us, toward all who know You, and even toward the wicked that You have given continued life that they might avoid disaster and come to know You, repent of their sins, turn to Jesus Christ for salvation, and become His faithful followers. Father, we confess that we have too often not been the kind of Christian that we should have been and aspire to be and become. We pray for Your continued grace and mercy to rest upon us, and whenever we wisely can make amends for our failings according to Your will, please lead us and give us the courage, wisdom, and power to do so. Like Lot, even though we have resolved to obey You always, we have sometimes said and done things that do not represent You and Your goodness. Please help us make all the changes we need so others can see Your goodness and faithfulness and be drawn to believe in, love, and serve You according to the Bible. 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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