



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 3:11-21

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for teaching us all we truly need to know about the reality of this world and the next, about the way of spiritual life instead of spiritual death, through believing Jesus and the Bible. Without Jesus, without knowing Jesus, we would be lost in sin, enslaved to sin, and completely unable to turn from selfishness to loving You and Your only Son completely. Indeed, Father, You and Your Son deserve all our love and total allegiance. Please fill us with Your Holy Spirit and the knowledge of all the Truth that we need to know so we can share the Truth with others in ways that will draw them to the Truth and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. As Jesus is the true Light of the world, please help us shine forth His Light from within us that those living in darkness might look up, see the beauty of Your Light and Holiness, and come to You for a new birth and a new life as Your children. Please help others see the difference that eternal life can make in the life of a true believer and follower of Jesus, and please help us be His true disciples at all times. May those who do not yet know Jesus seek the forgiveness of their sins, the cleansing from their sins, the freedom from slavery to sin, and the Holy Spirit Jesus gives those who trust in Him. Please help us show the world the difference that living for Jesus can make as the Holy Spirit teaches us and directs our steps. We truly want others to see that without Jesus we would be lost in darkness and the practice of evil, but with Jesus it is obvious that our deeds have been done in God to the blessing of many people. 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 *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* 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 *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* 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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