



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Praying Through John 6:1-14**

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus, Your only Son, into our world to live and walk as we do in human flesh, for He understands us completely and knows what we need. Even as large crowds followed Jesus from place to place, we pray that increasing numbers of people may come to know Him as their Lord and Savior and as the Savior of the world. We pray that the Holy Spirit will help us read, understand, and rightly apply the Bible better, and also empower us to lead more people to trust in You, in Jesus, and in Your written Word. Lord God, we do not seek to do signs and wonders as Jesus did, but we long to point people to You. We do not seek to impress others by what we say and do, but we do seek to lead others to Jesus, to trusting in Jesus, and to loving Jesus, by what we say and do. Please help us love others as Jesus did so others might see the saving power of His Name and trust more in Jesus. O God, please help us avoid the temptation to seek You and follow Jesus just to have our physical needs and desires met by You. Instead, please meet our daily needs and help us know You better each day. Please show us where we need to change in ways that will please You and enable us to bless others in Your Name as followers of Jesus. Please help us use the many gifts You give to every believer in ways that will help others and enable them to learn more about You and follow You, the one true God, the Creator and Sustainer of life and all that exists. 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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