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Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 6:47-59

LORD God, Maker of heaven and earth, You reign from on high, lifted up far beyond us. You are far greater than any human being could ever think or imagine. We only know You truly because You have spoken to us in the Bible and supremely through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We only know You truly because You sent Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to teach us the truth about God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and by Your Spirit You inspired the Bible, the Word of Truth. We owe all that we are, and have, and ever will be, to You and Your gracious love. Thank You for sending Jesus to earth to teach us the truth and give us eternal life through faith in Him. Please increase our understanding and help us truly show that we believe You as You have revealed yourself in the Word made flesh, Jesus, and in the Word written, the Bible. Just as You provided bread for the Hebrews in the wilderness, so we give You humble thanks for Jesus, the true bread of life, provided for us to enjoy eternal life now and forever. Please help us see, receive, and eat this spiritual, life-giving bread as You intend. Lord Jesus, thank You for coming down from heaven into the world to be the bread that we are to take within ourselves. Please help us learn how to receive all of You into our lives as You intend to influence, guide, direct, and empower us to live holy and wholly for You. Please show us where we may not believe rightly and help us believe all that You intend for us to believe that we might live to the praise of Your glory. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.



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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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