



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 6:60-71

Lord Jesus, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who indwells all who accept You as their Lord and Savior. Without the Holy Spirit, we would be helpless to understand Your easiest and most difficult teachings in the Bible. We also thank You for the Holy Bible and Your faithful disciples and apostles who wrote the truth about You, our heavenly Father, the Holy Spirit, and reality for us to understand. We thank You for this Light that shines in the darkness and ask that You would help us comprehend and share all the truth in Your Word. We pray that Your Spirit would lead us into all the truth we need to know, and that all Your words would be spirit and life to us. Please help us share Your words, the Bible, with others in ways that will never diminish their spirit and life in them. We praise You as our Lord and Savior, the Son of Man and Holy One of God, for You have ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven and deserve our worship. Please help us to never complain about Your teaching in the Bible, and please encourage us to always come to You for help in understanding all we need to know to glorify You with our words and deeds. Help us know the truth and live according to the truth so we never betray You, deny You, or turn back from following You. When we sin, please forgive us for all our sins, cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and empower us to obey You in the future. Please help us share Your words of eternal life that others might believe and know that You are the Holy One of God, the Messiah, the Savior of the world—and their Lord and Savior. In Your 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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