# Praying Through John 9:13-23

Dear Heavenly Father, please remind and help us honor, praise, glorify, and thank You for the many good things that You do for others and us as soon as we learn about them. Please help us avoid rushing ahead of You with our own ideas and plans about what to do, because they may be so very wrong. Inspire us to pray and do what is best for others and ourselves. Please restrain us from doing whatever is unjust and unnecessary. Help us treat others in loving and just ways as we would like to be treated—always according to Your will. Dear Father, open our eyes that we might see the true light of Jesus all around us as His light shines into our dark world. Reveal Your works and help us recognize Your works in our midst, in the lives of others, and in our own lives. Show us what we should do when faced with unjust rules and regulations that do not come from You and that do not have the best interests of others in view. Please help us walk closely with Jesus and do what Jesus would do. Prevent us from misjudging others who have adopted practices that seem strange to us but are not contrary to Your Word and the Ways of Jesus. Give us wisdom to discern truth from error and right from wrong so we are not misled by anyone no matter how persuasive they might be. Please open and close our mouths so we do not say more than needs to be said, and please give us the courage to overcome our fears and say all that needs to be said as the Holy Spirit leads us. Open the minds of those who need You and give them the light of understanding as we share the good news about Jesus. 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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