Praying Through John 9:24-34

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the Spirit and courage that You gave the man Jesus healed when He gave him sight, for he did give glory to God when he told the truth about Jesus. We pray that likewise You would give us an abundance of courage and so fill us with Your Spirit that we too can glorify You in all we say and do, and especially when we tell others the truth about You, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit according to the Scriptures. Please help us rightly understand the Bible so we can learn more about You, draw closer to You, love You more, and lead people to understand and believe the Truth that is fully displayed and revealed in Jesus Christ, Your only Son. We pray that You would protect those who are persecuted for righteousness sake. We pray that you would guide, direct, and protect those who testify that they are followers of Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior of the world. Please reveal to us truths that we can share about Jesus that come from our experience with Jesus and what we have learned from our study of the Bible as the Holy Spirit has enlightened us. Please give us the divine light that we need that is found only in You and Jesus, and help us reason with those who need to understand why they need Jesus to save them from their sins and provide the way to enjoy eternal life forever with You, with all who love You, and with all who love to serve You and others. Please show us what we can do to help when we learn about those who have been cast out for their faith in Jesus and their truthful testimony about Him. 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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