Praying Through John 9:35-41

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your love and compassion that moves You to seek out the blind and the lost to give them eyes to see and the Savior to follow. Thank You for seeking and finding the man You healed that others drove out from their midst because he told all the truth about You that he knew. Thank You for revealing who You are to him that he might worship You as his Lord and Savior. Today and every day, we praise You and thank You for the love and compassion that You have shown to us. We would be lost in sin and darkness and unable to see if You had not come to us. Our sin would have remained if You had not graciously revealed yourself to us and helped us believe the truth about You. We live each day with the assurance that You will always be with us, never forsake us, and never leave us orphaned. We need never fear those who can kill the body because we know that to be absent from the body is to be present with You, our Lord and Savior. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and help us worship You as You deserve and help us show forth by our lives and work that we follow You. Please help us help the physically needy and the spiritually blind in ways that will help them see You as Lord and Savior of the world, and that we are helping them because You first loved and saved us and You also want to help them and lead them to saving faith in You. We pray for our world that is lost in darkness and pray that You would help us be the light of the world as Your Light shines forth through us. 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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