



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 11:1-10

Lord Jesus, thank You for the love and friendship that You gave Lazarus, Mary, and Martha, for we know that You have the same love and friendship toward us. Thank You for creating us and knowing all about us. Thank You for showing yourself to the world as the Good Shepherd and the Great Physician, for we know that you will do all that is necessary when we are ill; so, even if we die it will not lead to death but to an eternity of love, friendship, and happiness with You and all who love You. Lord Jesus, we humbly ask that You would work Your will in our lives and please help us know and do Your will with a deep, deep love for You—even as You have a deep, deep love for us. Help us so to live and die and live again for God's glory and help us show others that we want You, the Son of God, to be glorified and honored by all people. Lord, please help us remember that Your timing may not be according to our timing, and please help us live each day with the patience that true faith in You inspires within us. When necessary, please show us when and where we may need to go at the risk of our lives to serve You and show Your love to others that many might come to know You as their Savior and the Savior of the world. Help us so live that we do not waste an hour of the day when we could be living according to all your holy purposes. We pray that Your light would be in us so that we might not stumble into sin or into ways of life that would lead us to dishonoring You. Please help us share the truth about You to others so they will know that You are the true light of the world. 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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