



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Praying Through John 11:11-16**

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming into our world and extending Your friendship to us. Thank You for loving us so much that You willingly died on the cross and rose again from the dead so we could live with You forever as Your friends. Please help us learn more about Your love, power, and wisdom through everything we experience, whether in times of suffering or in times of gladness. Please help us entrust our lives (and all that happens) to You as our Savior, and help us obey You as our Lord, who as our Friend always wants what is best for us. Thank You for comparing our death as Your friends to sleep, for we know that we will awaken from sleep refreshed and mentally and physically renewed after we sleep in this world. Even when we sleep You watch over us, and we know when it comes time for us to die that You will be watching over us. Thank You for never abandoning us as our Friend, even when we feel abandoned. Remind us that whatever happens, whether we live or die, everything will be all right because You are with us and You are Lord over all creation. Lord Jesus, many times, even when You are speaking plainly in the Bible, we misunderstand. Please fill us with the Holy Spirit and show us what You mean and what we need to do to keep following You in every situation and difficulty. Oh Lord, we know that death does not make You glad, but You are glad when You can use every situation to encourage us and others and reveal Your faithfulness to us and others so we and others can always be of great courage through faith in You as our Savior and Lord. 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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