



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 11:38-46

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for showing us love, compassion, grace, and mercy in and through Your only Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You for showing us how You and Jesus feel our pain when we are grieving over the loss of someone we love. Thank You for showing us that when we believe we can see the glory of God in or after every disturbing situation knowing that Jesus rose from the dead and is gone to heaven to prepare a place for us and all who love You. We know that to be with the Lord Jesus in heaven is better than being raised from the dead and sent back to Earth before the last day when we will return and be resurrected at the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Father, we praise and thank You that You always hear the prayers of Jesus, for we know that He prays for all those He loves and for all those who love Him. We trust in the love that Jesus has for us as believers and in His infinite power, which He demonstrated as He taught and gave us signs when He walked upon the earth. Please help us to always obey You and all the commands of Jesus. Please help us pray to know the will of God that we might pray and do the will of God. Please help us study the Bible with the help of the Holy Spirit to know what you may do and will not do in answer to our prayers. Please remind us of Your many promises in the Bible, so we will pray according to Your will and also pray that Your will be done at all times in our lives. As we live each day, whether sorrowful or rejoicing, lead us to say and do what might help others believe the truth about and believe in Jesus Christ. 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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