



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### Praying Through John 13:1-11

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus Christ into the world to die on a cross to save us from our sins. Thank You for showing Your great love for us even as Jesus claims the children of light as His own, loves them completely, and will love them throughout eternity—for He is the Son of God. Father, we face temptations from the world, the flesh, and the devil. Please fill us to overflowing with the Holy Spirit so we will have the courage, wisdom, and love for You to say no to and overcome all our temptations. Father, thank You for putting all creation into the hands of Jesus, so He knew He did not need to humble himself to achieve this honor and power, but chose to do so for the sake of those He loves. Lord Jesus, thank You for showing us how much You love all the children of light by cleansing those who believe in and follow You from all sin—made possible by Your death and resurrection. Please help us recognize our daily sins and repent of them, asking once again for Your forgiveness, cleansing, and spiritual healing: we thank You for once again saving us from the power of sin because You love us and humbly serve us each day—even as You washed the feet of Your disciples. Lord Jesus, help us remember that all we are and have and hope to be comes from You and we depend totally on You for all the good we receive and do in this world—even as You bless us through the ministry of Your people. Lord, there is much about You and Your work in the world that we do not understand, but we trust that the facts and truths we need to understand You will reveal to us at the right time. 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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