



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 14:1-7

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise You, exalt You, and glorify Your Name, but nothing we say can fully describe Your infinite love and splendor. Thank You for truly revealing the divine nature and character of yourself, Your Son, and the Holy Spirit in the Bible so with our limited capacity we can still know truth about You and Your loving, saving purposes for the world and us, Your children. We pray that Your holy kingdom will be firmly and visibly established on earth with the soon return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ as He promised. Until He returns, we thank You for sending Him and His teaching us, so we do not need to let our hearts be troubled by all the events going on in our personal lives and around the world, especially during these times of great uncertainty. Please teach us and grant us more reasons to believe in You as we study the Bible with the understanding and wisdom that the Holy Spirit gives us. Please increase our faith in Your Son and our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Please help us apply to our lives and troubles the truths Jesus taught because we know that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In this world, we experience much and increasing deception, please grant us the ability to discern the truth from falsehood and error. Please grant us an understanding of Jesus in ways that will empower us to follow Him faithfully that we might always be with Him wherever He is. Please grant us life and health in Jesus that we might faithfully serve You in Your kingdom forever and live in His Father's house with You and all who love You. 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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