



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### Praying Through John 14:15-23

Lord Jesus, we love You, but our love for You and our capacity to love You is so small, especially when compared to Your great love for us! You loved obeying Your Father and You loved the world so much that You came into our world to live, teach us the truth, and die on a cross in our behalf—to save us from sinning and the eternal consequences of our sins. We can barely grasp what it meant to You and our Father to love us so much that You came to save us and pay the ultimate price of suffering and dying to do so. And, we love You only because You first loved us. Lord Jesus, we want to keep Your commandments, but sometimes we fail miserably and become guilty of sin. We love You but sometimes our temptations to do wrong have overcome our love for You, and we have loved to sin more than we have loved obeying You. Please forgive us for our sins and help us do what is right in obedience to Your commands. Lord Jesus, You are our only hope. We believe in the Father. We believe in You. We believe You died on the cross for us. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells us. We believe You and the Father are with us. We believe the Bible and Your promises are true. Please increase our love for You, the Father, the Holy Spirit, and the Scriptures. Please help us love You and obeying Your commandments more than we love sinning. We trust in Your love and we pledge with Your help to love You and keep Your Word. Please save us from all our sins and empower us to do what is right because we love You—grant us eternity in Your home with You and all those who love You. 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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